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Two seaports fall as communists drive unchecked on Saigon

he headlong retreat of the South ietnamese Army continued yes- rday with the loss of Qui Nhon, seaport 270 miles north-east of igon. Nha Trang, an important base 100 miles farther south, was also reported in communist hands. It seemed the Saigon authorities would have to abandon all provinces north of the capital.

Americans fly in more howitzers

om Peter Hazelhurst
gon, April 1
South Vietnam's retreating ny surrendered further ound to the communists today en North Vietnamese troops otured Qui Nhon and reached outskirts of Nha Trang, both ategic coastal cities and ovincial capitals.
Qui Nhon, 270 miles north- st of Saigon, fell after being nged into chaos by tens of ousands of panic-stricken ugees who were trying to ape from the advancing mmunists. Nha Trang is only 0 miles north-east of the pital. Although the Govern- nt refused to confirm that her city had been lost reli- le military sources said night that both were already communist hands.
In normal circumstances the mbined population of Nha rang and Qui Nhon is 200,000 ut hundreds of thousands of efugees have poured into the wo ports since the communists aunched their offensive three eeks ago.
All flights to Nha Trang ere cancelled earlier today fter thousands of South Viet- amese troops and civilians obbed the airport in the hope escaping before the commu- sts marched in.
Soldiers fired weapons in the r as they attempted to board merican cargo planes. An merican pilot who flew out of ha Trang on a cargo airliner id: "It was terrible. People re weeping when we left. I ould think that by tonight the mmunists will take over."
Tens of thousands of refugees ved southwards down the ad to the next coastal town Cam Rahn Bay. Old people d babies are reported to be ing on the road of thirst, posure and fatigue.
A huge American Galaxy go plane landed at Tan Son ut airport outside Saigon, day with howitzer guns to place equipment lost to the mmunists. The American airlift will continue throughout the week, an American official said.
Before Qui Nhon fell today, 5,000 civilians and remnants of the South Vietnamese 22 Division, which retreated before the communist onslaught in Binh Dinh province, were evacuated from the port by an American ship.
The loss of Nha Trang further to the south will come as an unpleasant shock to Saigon's military strategists, who had planned to hold the communist offensive at a defensive perimeter slightly north of this city.
Foreign military experts say that the South Vietnamese Army is now moving the remnants of its six defeated divisions in the north to reinforce the four divisions defending Saigon and the three divisions in the Mekong delta. It would appear that the Army will give first priority to keeping the communists farther than 16 miles from the capital—the range of their 130mm guns.
In the meantime Government troops are battling to stem a communist onslaught on their positions at Chon Thanh, only 50 miles north of Saigon.
A spokesman for the South Vietnamese Army said today that communists had poured more than 3,000 rockets and shells into the town yesterday while tanks and infantry units advanced on Government positions. He added that Government troops repulsed the attack, destroying 12 tanks and killing an unknown number of communists. The battle continued to rage throughout the day.
The likelihood now is that the Government will have to abandon all its territory north of Saigon and hold out in the capital and perhaps part of the fertile delta. The divisions stationed around Saigon are the Fifth, the Twenty-fifth, the Eighteenth and the Airborne. The Seventh, the Ninth and the Twenty-first Divisions are operating in the delta.
As news of the communists' spectacular advance filters through to the man-in-the-street in Saigon, people have begun to hoard rice and other essential commodities, fearing that the capital will soon be isolated. The rich are trying to ship furniture, art pieces and other valuables abroad.
Hanoi, April 1.—The Vietnamese communists today announced they had captured the whole of the central coastal province of Binh Dinh, including the capital, Qui Nhon.—Agence France Presse.
The Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (Vietcong) protested today at an "illegal" American airlift of arms from California to Saigon. It said the airlift, which began today, was "a new attempt on the part of the Ford Administration to raise the morale of the Saigon Army and phantom Administration, which are on the point of collapse, and to breathe new life into the belligerent group of Nguyen Van Thieu so it can continue the war".—Agence France-Presse.
Washington: The Defence Department announced today that about 700 Marines have been sent to protect American naval ships while they evacuate civilian refugees from South Vietnam.
It said the Marines would not leave the ships.—AP.
Phnom Penh: Red Khmer insurgent forces fought their way today into the strategic river ferry town of Neak Luong, 30 miles south-east of Phnom Penh, military sources said.
The sources said street fighting was going on and they thought the fall of the isolated town was imminent. The loss of Neak Luong would be a military setback for the Phnom Penh authorities, coming on the heels of President Lon Nol's departure today.—Reuter.
Americans stay clear, President Lon Nol arrives in Bali, and map, page 6

Families flee with nowhere to go

om George Herbouze-
ha Trang, April 1
It is every man, woman and ild for themselves in South ietnam, as the country falls, wn by town, to the North ietnamese and Vietcong forces.
Today, indescribable panic ripped the coastal town of ha Trang. Terror stricken inabitants, fearing they were rapped, fled among scenes of eneral confusion reminiscent of those at the fall of Da Nang two days ago.
Most of them have no idea here they are going. Pushing nything they can grab on little andcarts, they cannot answer, f asked, where they are heading. Their only thought is to eave the town.
Some have sought refuge on Bamboo Island, an uncultivated, inpopulated strip of land about wo miles offshore. They cannot survive there, but at least, hey say, "We will be out of the way of the rockets".
Others are fleeing along the oad to Cam Ranh, 40 miles outh.
Those who remain in Nha rang have clearly lost all self- ontrol.
It is easy to see why they are scared. Soldiers who have fled the abandoned central highlands, and others recently arrived from Da Nang, roam the streets, armed and hard-faced. They plunder and loot shamelessly.
The shopkeepers closed yesterday. There are no public buildings open. The banks closed several days ago. The post office is no longer open. Even the automatic telephone is out of order. Commercial life has ceased in Nha Trang.
It was the local officials and army officers who started the wave of panic, sending their families to Saigon.
This morning, panic reached its height. Mr Moncrieff Spear, the United States consul general, told M Henry Stralhem, his French colleague: "I can not answer for anything any more."
The French are leaving the town in private aircraft provided by their embassy.
The prison gates have been opened and prisoners scatter as they hear shooting behind them.
The wildest rumours spread quickly. The military base at Duc My, some 30 miles away is said to have been attacked. As the area round the base is quiet, the rumour is almost certainly false, but it is readily believed.
"The communists are spearing the hands of all young girls", another rumour says. Yet another says that President Thieu "has promised the attackers they can take Nha Trang".
But other rumours are true. Last night, South Vietnamese Marines trying to land in Nha Trang fired on local security forces, killing and wounding some.
Until 24 hours ago, Nha Trang was under the firm control of the provincial commander, a colonel. Now it is prey to armed hordes firing indiscriminately, victims of a general fear they are helping to fan.
Riots have broken out round the American consulate, where hundreds of people try to climb over or push past the grilles in the hope of getting on board one of the helicopters taking off from the courtyard.—Agence France Presse.



Mr Shelepin leaving TUC headquarters in London by a back door yesterday.

Mr Shelepin to cut short visit

By Tim Jones

Mr Alexander Shelepin, the Soviet trade union leader, is to leave Britain today, at least a day earlier than planned. He is expected to fly home from Prestwick airport this evening after meeting the Scottish TUC in Ayrshire.
The TUC last night issued a statement saying: "A Soviet trade union delegation visited Great Britain on the invitation of the TUC General Council from March 31 to April 2." The statement [extracts, page 2] said talks had been constructive and friendly.
Mr Shelepin, former head of the KGB organization, spent all day yesterday at Congress House, the TUC headquarters in London. By dint of subterfuge worthy of a secret service, a stand-in who resembled him confused demonstrators protesting against the visit.
During his brief exposure to the streets of London while he was driven from the Soviet Embassy to the TUC headquarters, Mr Shelepin was protected from first-hand experience of British-style demonstrations by a decoy car. It travelled ahead of him and bore the brunt of heated abuse from expatriate and Jewish organizations.
The occupants of the decoy car were greeted at the front entrance of Congress House by a shower of leaflets, a few stones, and a pint bottle of milk, while Mr Shelepin arrived by the back entrance.
While they talked inside, Ukrainian expatriates chanted and held up what they said was the shirt worn by their former leader, Stepan Bandera, alleged to have been assassinated in Munich by the KGB when it was headed by Mr Shelepin.
Mr Shelepin left the Soviet Embassy at 10.20 am, three hours after the first Ukrainians had arrived with placards denouncing him for having "Ukrainian blood on your hands". The decoy car had coins thrown at it, but the real car drove away untouched five minutes later.
When he returned to the embassy, about 1,500 demonstrators marched there, occasionally chanting "we want Shelepin dead" and "Shelepin out", but proceeding mostly in silence the length of Oxford Street and Bayswater Road.
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Schools law likely next session

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Blackpool
Legislation to compel at least seven local education authorities to close their grammar schools is quite likely to be introduced in the next session of Parliament, Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in Blackpool yesterday.
He named the authorities as Bexley, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Kingston upon Thames, Redbridge, Sutton and Trafford (Greater Manchester). He said there were others whose approach to the pace of going comprehensive was slower than he would wish. He told the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers:
We shall be discussing the matter with these authorities shortly. The job can and will be completed by consent if possible, by legislation if necessary. Unless there is a change of heart of councillors in Buckinghamshire, Kingston upon Thames and elsewhere legislation is quite likely.
Later at a press conference he said the final decision on legislation would be taken in the summer. He was working on "contingency plans".
Referring to an article in *The Times* on Monday, Mr Prentice said that no move would be taken to stop counties such as Lancashire from continuing to pay for fee-paying places at direct-grant schools. He did not see that as a great obstacle to comprehensives. If legislation was passed to prevent authorities from taking up those places there would be a rider such as "without the permission of the Secretary of State for Education and Science".
Mr Prentice announced that he accepted the recommendation in the recent Bullock report for a monitoring system to assess standards of reading in schools nationally. He has also agreed in principle to an up-to-date survey on the manpower needs of schools.
In his first reference to the social contract since he accused some trade unionists of "welshing" by making excessive wage claims, he said the only answer was a permanent long-term voluntary policy in which the whole community would exercise restraint and seek fair treatment for each group year by year.
"We simply cannot go on allowing the rate of inflation in Britain to get worse while other countries who compete with us in world markets are getting theirs under control."
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Briton arrested in Ethiopia

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 1
A 69-year-old British citizen, Mr Leslie Cramer, was arrested in Addis Ababa over the weekend on charges of plotting to overthrow the Ethiopian Government and has been put in prison, his estranged wife said today.
Mrs Geraldine Cramer, who works in Geneva, said she had been informed by British consular officials of her husband's arrest. She said he was ill and that the charges against him "must be trumped-up since he is apolitical and would not do harm to anyone. He is an old, sick man".
Addis Ababa, April 1.—Ethiopian authorities today ordered the Reuter resident correspondent, Mr Bernol Debusmann, to leave the country tomorrow.—Reuter.

Fischer ready to let title go

New York, April 1.—Colonel Edmund Edmondson, head of the United States chess federation, said last night that he had failed to persuade Bobby Fischer, world chess champion, to play Anatoly Karpov.
The champion will thus lose his title to the Russian unless he changes his mind by midnight California time (9 am BST).

Newhaven blockaded, but hopes of fishing dispute agreement rise

From Peter Hennessy
Aberdeen
Hopes of a settlement of the inshore fishermen's dispute rose yesterday when Mr Hugh Brown, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, agreed to meet representatives of the Scottish Trawlers' Federation and the Scottish Fishermen's Federation in Aberdeen this afternoon.
The composition of the delegation is a matter for the federations. Mr Brown said last night, providing an opening for a meeting with members of the inshore fishermen's action committee.
The informal inter-party fisheries committee of MPs agreed to delay its request for a meeting with Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, pending the outcome of today's meeting.
The action committee decided not to extend its blockade so that the chances of a settlement would be improved, but fishermen at Newhaven, on the south coast, joined the blockade on their own initiative early yesterday, bringing the total number of English and Scottish ports affected to 44.
Mr William Hay, chairman of the action committee, said he would radio codewords to coordinating skippers in all 44 ports to end the blockade if Mr Brown could give assurances about restricting future imports of cheap frozen fish from countries outside the EEC, could promise Government help for shell fishermen and skippers with vessel under 40ft long, and could assure the committee that dock labour would not be used in ports where it was customary for fishermen to unload their own catch.
He agreed that the Government could not prejudge the outcome of the conference on the law of the sea at Geneva. A promise to extend British fishing limits to 50 miles would therefore not be a condition for ending the blockade.
If the Government went back on any assurances it might give about the future of the inshore fishing industry, it would be necessary to reimpose the blockade, he added.
Injunctions were served yesterday on blockading skippers by the Forth and Clyde harbour authorities and by Buckie Town Council. Vessels at Invergordon were told by the Queen's Harbourmaster that they were breaking regulations by mooring within 100ft of naval dockyard installations.
John Cook and Son, ship brokers at Aberdeen, took legal advice yesterday on the possibility of serving injunctions on the blockading fishermen on behalf of the owners of one Dutch, one English, and two German vessels trapped in Aberdeen harbour.
Fears that the German vessel Seagull might attempt to break through the blockade in Aberdeen when six fishing boats withdrew to allow the ferry boat St Clement to leave with mail and supplies for Shetland at 6 pm yesterday proved unfounded after the vessel's skipper had met members of the port action committee in their headquarters at the Gloucester Hotel.
Inshore fishermen in the Isle of Man stayed in harbour yesterday in sympathy with the blockade. Fishermen on the Clyde reinforced their blockade with 60 more vessels but permitted a Clyde port authority dredger to keep the river channel clear and allowed a lightship service vessel to inspect navigation buoys in the Firth of Clyde. The United States Navy Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch was not affected by the action.
Fish-processing companies in Aberdeen said yesterday that many workers might be laid off early next week if the blockade was not lifted. Mr Richard Wheeler, manager of Findus, which usually buys 20,000 stone of fresh fish a week on the Aberdeen quay, said his company had been able to buy only 60 stone yesterday after three trawlers had been allowed through the blockade. The jobs of his 535 workers might be in jeopardy.
Mr Ian Macfadden, purchasing manager of Claben Ltd, which normally buys 8,000 stone of fresh fish a day, said his company had bought almost nothing yesterday and was considering the possibility of laying off its 500 workers next week.
Only 76 tons of fish was landed at Aberdeen yesterday. Cod and haddock have doubled their price since last week.
The North Sea oil industry continued to escape almost unscathed from the effects of the blockade. The port of Montrose remained open to supply vessels, and some operators were understood to be considering putting into Stavanger, Norway, for supplies if the blockade continued.
Newhaven concession: The blockade by 70 fishing vessels at Newhaven was lifted temporarily to allow a Dieppe-bound car ferry out of the British Rail port yesterday (the Press Association reports). But it was believed unlikely to return during the night, stranding hundreds of Easter holiday-makers on the Continent. The fishermen allowed the ferry to sail only after 56 cars it should have carried were left on the quay.
The blockade spread yesterday to Whitehaven, the first Cumbrian port to be affected.
In Devon and the South-west fishermen voted yesterday to join the blockade action next week. They cannot act sooner because most of the region's fleets are at sea.
Fish will soon be in short supply and "astronomically" expensive, Mr John Green, a spokesman for the National Federation of Fishmongers, predicted yesterday.
Blockade renewed: Shetland fishermen renewed their blockade of Lerwick harbour last night after talks with Mr Brown had broken down (our Lerwick Correspondent writes). The meeting was said to be friendly, but the fishermen said they received no assurances from the minister.
"Recall Parliament": Mr Walter Clegg, Conservative MP for North Fylde, a constituency that includes the blockaded port of Fleetwood, Lancashire, sent a telegram yesterday to the Prime Minister. It read: "I beg you to recall Parliament forthwith so that the genuine grievances of these men can be remedied in the traditional and lawful way" (our Fleetwood Correspondent writes).
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Dutch foil plan to seize Queen Juliana

Arnhem, April 1.—The police have arrested 10 militant South Moluccan exiles who planned to hold Queen Juliana of the Netherlands hostage and occupy the Royal Palace near Utrecht, the public prosecutor said here today.
He said that the group, one of whom had a sub-machine gun, planned to drive a lorry through the palace fence and overpower the guards. They intended to hold the Queen hostage to back their demands for independence for the South Moluccan islands from Indonesia.
The prosecutor added that the police uncovered the plan when they detained several young Moluccans recently.—Reuter.

Whisky and gin prices up

The Distillers Company, with about half of Scotch whisky sales in Britain, announced immediate increases on whisky, gin and vodka wholesale prices yesterday. Smaller producers are expected to follow shortly.
The increases are, a bottle, about 10p on Scotch whisky, 9p on gin and 6p on vodka. Brands of whisky affected include Johnnie Walker, Black and White, White Horse, Vat 69, Haig, Dewar's, Crawford's and King George IV. The gins are London Dry, Gordon's Special Dry London, and Booth's.

Merchant bank's provision to cover loan losses

Brandts, the merchant banking subsidiary of Grindlays Bank, has made 1974 loss provisions of £14m which have led to a loss by the group as a whole of £6.5m. About three fifths of the provisions relate to property loans made by Brandts, and the remainder have arisen from falling investment values and the need to take account of current economic conditions.
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Tour firms' licences

Names of 117 air holiday operators whose licences expired at midnight on Monday and which have not yet been renewed were issued last night by the Civil Aviation Authority. Companies without a valid licence cannot trade because airlines will refuse their business.
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Stonehouse stamps

The Bengali community in Britain want an official inquiry into a fund-raising scheme initiated by Mr John Stonehouse for Bangladesh, involving the issue of an estimated 200,000 postage stamps.
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Three at top of League

Three teams, Ipswich, Everton and Derby, share the lead in the Football League after last night's results. Ipswich beat Birmingham 3-2 and Derby beat Manchester City 2—1. In the second division, Sheffield Wednesday lost at Nottingham Forest and were relegated.
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On the Spot: Edgar Wallace's daughter, Miss Penelope Wallace, placing a wreath on his plaque in Fleet Street yesterday. The plaque is on a corner where as a boy he sold papers.
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Royal visit protest

A planned visit by the Queen, during her visit to Tokyo next month, to the tomb of the unknown soldier, has been cancelled after protests on religious and political grounds by families of dead soldiers.
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Wine peace moves

Legal steps by the European Commission to force the French Government to drop its restrictions on wine imports are expected in Brussels. The Franco-Italian wine war is engaging the urgent attention of the EEC's agriculture ministers.
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'Mirror' deadlock

Talks aimed at resolving the dispute that has stopped London publication of newspapers in the *Daily Mirror* group ended in deadlock last night.
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Some dockers end their strike

Some dockers returned to work yesterday in the London docks after an unofficial strike lasting more than a month. Dockers at Hull joined those in Liverpool in rejecting personal pleas from the London strike leaders to come out in sympathy.
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Ulster mother shot

Two more people were shot dead in Ulster yesterday, bringing to 26 the total of civilians killed since the Provisional IRA's ceasefire began on February 10. Both victims, one the mother of 10 children, were married to Roman Catholics, and appear to have been killed by Protestant extremists.
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Mr Shelepin says campaign against him is work of a small group opposed to détente

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Mr Alexander Shelepin, the Soviet trade union leader, last night dismissed the campaign against his visit as unrepresentative of the views of British workers and their unions. He disclosed a wide-ranging new *programme of cooperation* between Soviet and British trade unions.

Speaking in a conservatory of the Soviet Embassy in Kensington, Mr Shelepin said: "We know that the shouts we hear are not the opinion of the *English working class*, or the English trade unions." As he spoke, demonstrators were gathered not far away.

Mr Shelepin, looking unperturbed and relaxed after talks all day with the TUC international committee, met an invited group of four journalists specializing in labour affairs, and spoke for nearly an hour, answering questions in a style strongly reminiscent of the peasant humour of Mr Khrushchev.

He did not mention his three years as chairman of the state security committee (the KGB), but spent the first five minutes of his briefing dismissing the complaints about his trip as unrepresentative and disruptive.

"We know very well that there is in England a professional group of people who are against any détente", Mr Shelepin said. "It didn't perplex me that there was an anti-Soviet hullabaloo raised against my visit."

The "personal attacks" against him in the press camouflaged the real target of sabotaging détente. "This is a *very small group, and it does* not represent the interests of the working class of England and their unions", he said.

"These people are following *very determined and far-seeing* targets. They are people against détente in general, and against *liquidation of the period of cold* war. These people failed in their policies and now they are trying to find ways to discredit the results of the visit of Mr Wilson to Moscow."

Of yesterday's talks with the TUC, Mr Shelepin said: "We *completely share the evaluation* of Mr Len Murray and Mr Jack Jones, and the other members of *the international committee*. I expressed the view that the talks today could be considered



A false "Mr Shelepin" arriving at Congress House yesterday.

historical negotiations and they could provide for basic improvements in relations between Soviet and British trade unions. We discussed a very broad programme of cooperation".

To begin with, the programme will include an exchange of *visits by delegations, and further exchanges* of union leaders with similar industrial interests. More important, both sides are committed to reviving the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee established during the last war, which was the forerunner of the communist-dominated World Federation of *Trade Unions*, to which the TUC no longer belongs.

"We are positive in our attitudes towards the activities of an Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee," Mr Shelepin said. It had been very active during the war, and "there are now conditions for such a committee to be restored".

Mr Shelepin said the Soviet and British trade union centres had agreed on a further conference next year to discuss points of common interest. He left the briefing with the words: "We think that the ice has started to move. The process of consolidation is under way."

He added that Soviet trade unions did not want to impose their system on the West. "You take us as we are, and we will take you as you are," he said.

The Russians last night gave every indication of being well pleased with the results of their negotiations with the TUC.

Statement speaks of friendly meeting

A statement issued by the TUC last night spoke of "constructive conversations held in a friendly atmosphere" with Mr Shelepin and the other members of the Soviet trade union delegation. The statement said in part:

The delegations welcomed the results of negotiations between Mr Brezhnev and Mr Wilson in Moscow, which *clearly were* on the basis for future fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation between the Soviet Union and Great Britain. Noting fundamental positive changes in Europe and in international relations as a whole, the parties agreed that there was similarity in their attitudes to a range of issues and first of all to the further improvement of the working and living conditions of work-people.

It was recognized as desirable to focus attention on possibilities of expanding cooperation in such specific fields of trade union activities as scientific and technological progress and associated problems of employment and vocational and technical education and retraining as well as working conditions and safety, protection of of workers' health and participa- of workers in industrial management.

The AUCCTU [Soviet trade union organization] and the TUC expressed confidence that the development of Soviet-British trade union cooperation would be promoted by further expansion of bilateral contacts, which might take various forms, including exchange of specialized delegations, of trade union journalists, of teachers and lecturers from trade union colleges, and of information generally.

It was suggested that the TUC *and the AUCCTU should consider* holding seminars on problems of common interest, and substantial *meetings, at intervals between* Soviet and British trade unionists.

It was also suggested that the *two organizations should consider* cooperation in the spirit of the wartime Anglo-Soviet trade union committee, and this matter will be considered by the governing bodies of the two organizations.

The AUCCTU and the TUC would welcome moves on the part of governments to convene a world con*ference on disarmament in the* near future on an agreed basis bearing in mind the tremendous *burden of the present scale of* armaments.

The AUCCTU and the TUC agreed that it was necessary to consider initiatives which might help to achieve in the immediate future a just and lasting peaceful settlement in the Middle East in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions, taking into consideration every legitimate and human interest.

They agreed that it was necessary to ensure the territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus, and to implement the Paris Agreement on Vietnam by all its participants.

London dockers trickle back as North rejects appeal to strike

By Raymond Rennie
Labour Staff

A trickle of London dockers broke the solidarity of the strike that has kept the port idle for a month yesterday and returned to work, while men at Hull and Liverpool decided against striking in sympathy.

Employers, however, see no prospect of a full return to work before Monday, after Friday's meeting of all nine thousand dockers in the port.

Previous meetings have led to disputes when the unofficial leaders of the action maintained that they resulted in decisions to continue the stoppage while other observers said there was a majority in favour of a return to work.

At Purfleet Deep Wharf and Storage Company, between 80 and 100 dockers, half the labour force, resumed work on moving some of the cargo, including Finnish newsprint, which has been trapped on the quayside.

A ship arrived at the riverside, but they were not able to handle its cargo because there were no tally clerks present.

Mr A. D. Bannister, the company's operations director, said: "Naturally we are very pleased that dockers in the Tilbury area are now deciding to go back to work. We are *sure* these are the first signs of a general wish among dock workers to get back to work and let the proper machinery attend to the issues that are worrying them."

About 30 men also returned to work at the small family firm of G. E. Gray and Sons, Gravesend, and the London Port Employers said there had been a trickle of men returning elsewhere in the port.

At a meeting in a Hull cinema, dockers were urged by their shop stewards to join the London action but rejected the call overwhelmingly. The men, who were also addressed by militant London stewards, including Mr Victor Turner, one of the five dockers jailed by the National Industrial Relations *Court during the 1972* stoppage, were told that Liverpool dock workers also had decided not to strike.

With two of the country's main provincial ports refusing to join the action, the militants' plan to spread the strike looks like failing totally. A similar appeal to stewards from other ports at the beginning of last month also went unheeded.

The strike is over the employ*ment of men* who are not registered dock workers in inland container depots. It does not have the backing of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which has appealed to its men to return to work.

Railway men reject 20 per cent pay offer

Three unions representing 240,000 railwaymen yesterday confirmed that they will reject a 20 per cent pay offer from British Rail. They will meet again next week to discuss strategy for the next round of *negotiations with the manage*ment.

The unions discussed their demand for the 35 per cent increase they feel is needed in order to maintain their members' pay relative to that of the miners.

Travellers on British Rail commuter and Inter-City services face difficult journeys today as disruption *caused by* the ban on overtime and Sunday work by maintenance supervisors builds up.

Because of the ban, which has been operating for a week, locomotives and rolling stock have to be taken out of service *for longer than usual to await* the normal weekly checks or for repair work. Some services, particularly on the Midland and Western regions, have had to be cancelled and other trains reduced in size, sometimes as much as from 12 coaches to four, causing overcrowding.

The dispute involves five thousand supervisors in the *carriage and wagon repair* workshops at York, Eastleigh, Swindon, Derby and Crewe, which handle major repairs and overhauls, and the local traction and maintenance depots doing day-to-day work to keep the railways running.

It arises from dissatisfaction with last year's pay agreement, from which supervisors gained 8½ per cent increases and the promise of a review.

Western Region was worst affected yesterday, with 20 trains to Bristol and South Wales cancelled, and some commuter services as well. The position today is expected to be worse, with 30 trains to Bristol and South Wales and five to the West of England cancelled.

London Midland Region will be running fewer services than usual between Euston and Birmingham, Manchester, North Wales and the North-west. About half the commuter services into St Pancras and a third of those into Euston are expected to be cancelled, with reductions in size of other trains.

Services on the Eastern Region into Liverpool Street are likely to be slightly affected, but Southern Region hopes to avoid cancellations, although some trains may be reduced in size.

'Mirror' dispute talks end in deadlock

By Our Labour Staff

Talks aimed at resolving the dispute that has prevented London publication of newspapers in the Daily Mirror group for more than a week ended in deadlock last night.

The national executive of the *Society of Graphical and* Allied Trades (Sogat), which represents the warehouse staff involved, is to meet today to hear a report of the meeting from Mr Albert Powell, the general president. Mr Percy Roberts, chief executive of the Mirror group, said he would draw the attention of general secretaries of unions representing other employees to *the gravity of the situation.*

The dispute is over a management proposal that an impending pay agreement for Sogat members should include a clause abolishing the automatic replacement of any worker who leaves or retires. The intention *is to reduce what the* management describes as excessive manning levels in several newspaper production departments.

Sogat members took unofficial action at the beginning of last week. The management gave notice to 1,750 warehouse staff and issued protective notices to nine thousand other employees. Some of the notices expire a week today.

After the meeting, Mr Roberts said that the group had *lost 24 million copies* and revenue of £1m. The *Daily Mirror* and *Sporting Life* were not printed in London for the seventh day in succession this morning. The *Sunday Mirror*, *Sunday People* and *Reveille* were not published from London last weekend. Manchester and Glasgow printing has not been affected.

Mr Roberts said that *since* April 1, 1974, the total loss to the group through industrial action had been 74 million copies and a loss in revenue of £3.25m.

Yesterday's meeting was held as a result of the intervention of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, although the service's officers were not present. After five hours' discussion Mr Powell made a statement, which said:

1 The company *should withdraw* notices of termination of employment immediately.

2 The company should agree to pay the 5 per cent plus 2 per cent pay award of the Newspaper Publishers Association.

3 There should be a resumption of work forthwith.

4 Talks on internal matters should take place forthwith in the normal course, that is chapel (office branch), branch and head office.

Replying, Mr Roberts said: We have read your four proposals with very great care and we cannot detect any movement whatever in the policy which you have adopted from the outset of this matter. It is regretted that you saw no purpose in further dialogue. You have told us of the basic principle. Whether or not the company is pledged to implement the NPA award should be referred to the *Industrial Arbitration Board*. We told you that we were prepared to accept the decision of *that board* and we still are.

It remains the company's view that only a policy of non-automatic replacement of staff can ensure the future viability of this company and the continued publication of its newspapers. This policy does not envisage compulsory redundancy, but represents in our view the best way of reducing manning with the least possible impact on our employees.

We have sought to persuade you to accept our various proposals including non-automatic replacement for reducing staff in order to prevent compulsory redundancy. We regret we have failed. In spite of the fact you have said there is no purpose in further negotiations we are, of course, ready to meet you at any time.

Full glare of secrecy on Soviet union leader

By David Leigh

The visit to Britain of Mr Alexander Shelepin, the Soviet trade union leader, is being conducted in a blaze of secrecy. His host, the TUC, is anxious to insulate him from opposition on four fronts.

The first comprises Jewish organizations and politicians opposed to the persecution of Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union by the KGB, the state security committee, of which Mr Shelepin was once the chairman.

Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester, West, said yesterday: "*I deplore the dis*graceful and farcical way in which the delegation is being hidden away from the *British* public by the use of every conceivable ruse. The handling of this visit is more appropriate to the Soviet Union itself than to our British democracy."

The Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners *and the Women's Campaign for* Soviet Jewry demonstrated outside the TUC headquarters yesterday and intend to "haunt" Mr Shelepin while he is here. Representatives of the Glasgow Jewish Council yesterday protested by handing in a black wreath at the offices of the Scottish TUC.

The second, and equally bitter, group of protesters comprises central European ex*patriates. The European* Liaison Group says it has representatives of 15 minority nationalities taken over by Soviet or communist governments.

The most prominent group is the Ukrainians. Ukrainian nationalists fought with Nazi Germany against Russia, and Mr Shelepin, as head of the KGB, is said to have decorated the man who assassinated nationalist leaders in exile in *Germany. Ukrainian* nationalism is still vigorously repressed in the USSR.

A rather *different group* of opponents centres on Amnesty International, which takes up cases of political prisoners throughout the world. The British sections say Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, would not let it meet the *Soviet trade union* delegation, although Amnesty is "not part of any anti-Soviet lobby".

Finally, many Conservative MPs and some newspapers have seen in Mr Shelepin's visit an opportunity to draw comparisons with left-wing protests in Britain when right-wing representatives of foreign regimes make controversial visits.

*Six MPs—Sir Frederic Ben*nett, Mr Victor Goodhew, Mr Percy Grieve, Mrs Jill Knight, Mr Michael Clark Hutchison and Mr John Biggs-Davison—have signed a Commons motion recalling that Mr Callaghan, as Home Secretary, exerted pressure on the *MCC in 1970 to* withdraw its invitation to a South African cricket team. Mr Jenkins's failure to put pressure on the TUC is an example, they say, of "socialist double standards".

Journalists to complain: Air *News Service, the press agency* based at Heathrow airport, is to complain to the National Union *of Journalists about the treat*ment of its staff when Mr Shelepin arrived on Monday.

"We have never before been prevented from entering the southside VIP area where the Russians arrived, and no acceptable explanation was given why *we were barred", the chapel* (office branch of the NUJ) said.

"The NUJ members consider this to be a dangerous threat to press freedom at Heathrow."

*Airport police said yester*day: "The TUC requested that the visit should be treated as a *private one. We honoured their* request by preventing the press from entering the VIP area."

The banning of reporters and photographers from the area was unprecedented. Journalists at Heathrow are issued with resident passes that enable them to carry our their legitimate duties reporting and taking photographs.

Scottish protest: A group of 50 Jews yesterday protested *against the visit at the Glasgow* headquarters of the Scottish TUC, where they handed in a black wreath on behalf of Scotland's 15,000 Jews (our Glasgow Correspondent writes).

Earlier, Mr James Jack, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, had said that if Mr Shelepin came to Scotland his organization would be glad to *offer him hospitality.*

Mr Jack said exchange visits with socialist countries had been going on for 20 years.

Liverpool rally: A silent demonstration against the visit was held by about 50 people in the shopping precinct in Church *Street, Liverpool. yesterday* (our Liverpool Correspondent writes).

"No confidence" move: Mr James Jenkins, chairman of the Midlands region of the TUC, is to submit a vote of no confidence in Mr Murray at a meeting on Friday of the motor branch of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and *Technicians (our Derby Corres*pondent writes). He will ask the branch to forward the resolution to the Derby area TUC.

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Prison computer controlling doors fails

By Stewart Tendler

The Home Office yesterday confirmed that a computer system controlling doors inside Albany high-security prison on the Isle of Wight overloaded during a fire on Sunday and staff had to free *prisoners* manually.

The centralized automatic control system is understood to have remained unused since the fire, caused by an arson attack in D wing, because prison staff have refused to use it.

The £1m *system* was installed several years ago after experiments in one wing of the prison. The aim was to remove the traditional "slops" system and to allow prisoners to leave their cells at night to go to the lavatory. They can get in touch with a control room from their cells to be freed.

The control room can also work doors in the wings. Staff at the prison say that on Sunday the system failed to unlock the exit doors from D wing although a control that will open all doors in a wing at one command was used.

Prisoners were trapped on landings and staircases as smoke built up. They were not caught in their cells because the cell doors were open. More than a dozen prison officers had to break into the wing through E wing, which is unused, by manually unlocking a door after unscrewing a plate.

Ten officers were on sick leave after the rescue, and it is understood that the prisoners were freed with only a few minutes to spare.

The fire is said to have been the first real test for the computer system, although it is reported to have broken down during a smaller fire some weeks ago in the same wing.

There are fears that there might not be enough staff at the prison at night to cope with a similar situation where keys might have to be used.

A Home Office official said yesterday that the computer became overloaded because it could not be used if everybody tried to get out at the same time.

A manual override was used and prisoners were released with lock and key. The official said: "It was much quicker to use the manual override."

Two prisoners attempted to escape from Parkhurst prison yesterday. One is believed to have been moved from Albany after it had been discovered that he could get out of his cell without setting off the alarm in the electronic system.

Shuttle service to resume after airport dispute ends

Glasgow airport reopens for passenger flights tomorrow, when the British Airways shuttle service to London will be resumed. Glasgow has been *closed to passengers for five* weeks because of industrial action by electricians. They have accepted working conditions of the British Airports Authority, which assumed ownership of the airport yesterday.

The dispute cost British Airways £1m, the airline said yesterday.

British Airways flights at Heathrow were disrupted yesterday when loaders held a one-hour strike. The men said that they worked too far from air*port canteens* and that they wanted a daily delivery of food.

The British Airways London to Los Angeles DC10 service, due to be put into operation yesterday, has been grounded indefinitely because of a cabin-staff training dispute. The staff union wants more pay for work on the new aircraft.

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Exorcism death inquest to be reopened

Mr Philip Gill, the Wakefield Coroner, announced yesterday that he is to resume the inquest on Mrs Christine Taylor, aged 29, of Havercroft, Ossett, on April 21, at *Ossett*. He opened the inquest on October 10, then adjourned it when told that Mrs Taylor's husband, Michael, aged 31, who is now detained in Broadmoor, had been charged with killing her after a ceremony of exorcism.

Mr Gill said he had considered very carefully a police report about Mrs Taylor's death. "*It is clear that events disclose* a situation of serious public concern", he said.

It was desirable that those events should be investigated further and the inquest provided the only means of achieving that. It would allay public concern which might have arisen as a result of disclosures and afford an opportunity for people *named in the case to give evi*dence on their own behalf.

At Leeds Crown Court last week Mr Taylor was found not guilty of his wife's murder on the ground that he was insane at the time.

The Bishop of Wakefield, Dr Treacy, is to make a statement today as a result of his inquiries into the involvement of clergy *in the case.*

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Mother of 10 shot dead as Ulster violence goes on

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

As the uneasy truce between the Army and the Provisional IRA moved into its eighth week, the underlying violence in Ulster claimed two more lives yesterday. Their deaths brought to 26 the total number of civilians killed since the ceasefire was declared on February 10.

Both killings yesterday appear to have been the work of one of the many extreme Protestant *groups in the province.*

The first death occurred in the predominantly Protestant town of Portadown early yesterday morning when Mrs Dorothy Trainor, the mother of 10 children, and her Roman Catholic husband were ambushed on their way home from a local British Legion club.

About 12 shots were fired in a dimly lit park about 400 yards from their house. Mrs Trainor was killed instantly, and late last night her husband was seriously ill in hospital.

Less than two hours later Mr Patrick Cachart, also married to a Roman Catholic and described as of Asian origin, was shot after a five-minute conversation with a gunman on the *doorstep of his house in* Carrickfergus.

A youth, aged 17, was admitted to hospital in Belfast with gunshot wounds yesterday, and late on Monday more shooting incidents were reported at Protestant bars in east Belfast. They were part of the worsening feud between the two extreme paramilitary groups; the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force.

Pro-EEC group's campaign to be non-political

A new pro-European group yesterday launched a non-political campaign to underline what it calls the "exciting" advantages of Britain's continued EEC membership.

People for Europe has designed its campaign to appeal to those "unlikely to be inspired or impressed by the politicians".

*It would not involve "heavy*weight industrialists" or earnest trade union officials, Mr Gyles Brandreth, artistic director of the Oxford Theatre *Festival, who is directing the* campaign, said. "It will involve all kinds of other people—many of them famous, lots of them young—and its object will be to present an exciting, comprehensible and credible picture of the advantages of Britain's continuing membership of the EEC."

The Oronsay to be broken up

The passenger liner Oronsay (20,000 tons) is to be withdrawn from service in September, the P & O announced yesterday.

The 24-year-old liner is expected to carry her last cruise passengers between Sydney and Hongkong in mid September before going to the breakers.

The company said its Australian cruise programme would be maintained by the Arcadia, Oriana and Pacific Princess.

Yugoslav defeats Midlands' former champion

From a Chess Correspondent
Birmingham

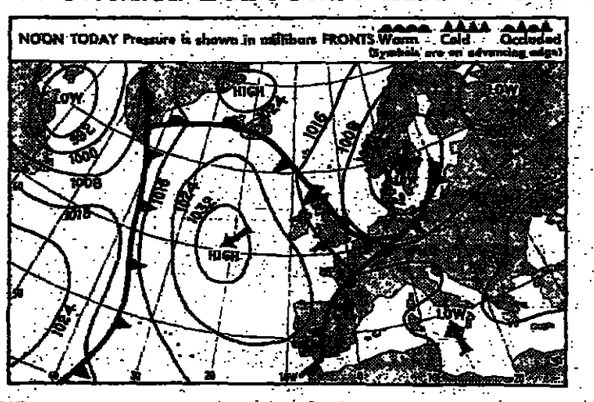
Two of the Yugoslav grand masters used the rest day in the grand master chess tournament at Birmingham yesterday to play their last round games so that they can leave in time to play in a tournament in *California.*

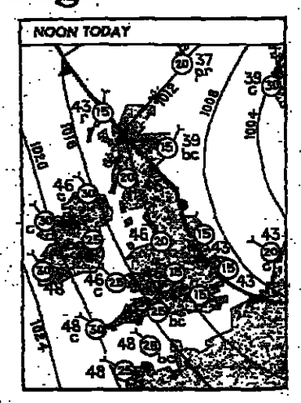
Damjanovic applied steady pressure against the Alekhine defence of Cafferty, the former Midland champion, who conceded the game on the adjournment. Matulovic defeated Matera, of the United States.

In adjourned games from round five Gordon lost to Matera and Bisguier drew with Haag, but the other two games, Cafferty v Matulovic and Gusic v *Chellsorp*, were again adjourned.

Leading scores: M. Matulovic 3½, and 1 adj (of 4½); S. Webb 4 (5); S. Matera 4 (5); Miles 3½ (5); Mestrovic and 1 postponed (6); Haag and Jansosovic 3 (5).

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.35 am — Sun sets: 7.34 pm
Moon rises: 1.57 am — Moon sets: 10.19 am

Last Quarter: Tomorrow.

Lighting up: 8.4 pm to 6.3 am.

High water: London Bridge, 6.37 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 6.54 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Avonmouth, 11.54 am, 11.6m (37.9ft). Dover, 3.40 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 4.3 pm, 5.8m (19.0ft). Hull, 10.51 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 11.27 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 3.53 am, 8.4m (27.6ft); 4.20 *pm, 7.9m (26.0ft).*

A trough of low pressure will move S over England, Wales and N Ireland during the day.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, SE, central S England, E Midlands: Rain at first, clearing from N, to bright intervals and showers; wind W veering N, fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

E, NE, central N England, Borders: Rain early; bright intervals and showers later, wintry in places; wind N fresh, locally strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

W Midlands, Wales, NW England: Rain early, sunny periods, isolated showers later, sleet on hills; wind N fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Channel Isles, SW England: Rain in morning clearing during afternoon, to sunny periods; wind W, veering N, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly cloudy with rain or showers; rather cold with light frost but probably becoming less cold in W.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind W veering N, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 7 pm to 7 *am, 3°C (37°F)*. Humidity, 7 pm, 57 per cent. Rain, 24 hours to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hours to 7 pm, 3.5. Barometer, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,018.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	th	27	81	Cologne	sn	2	41	Lisbon	f	19	66	Nicosia	s	25	77
Amsterdam	c	10	50	Copenhagen	f	6	43	Locarno	s	17	63	Oslo	f	14	57
Athens	s	29	84	Dublin	f	13	55	London	f	13	55	Paris	f	13	55
Barcelona	s	21	70	Edinburgh	f	10	50	Luxembourg	c	9	48	Reykjavik	r	5	41
Beirut	c	20	68	Florence	f	16	61	Madrid	f	22	72	Rome	s	19	66
Belfast	c	8	46	Geneva	s	8	46	Majorca	f	20	68	Stockholm	f	13	55
Berlin	f	8	46	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Malaga	f	23	73	Strasbourg	s	11	52
Biarritz	f	18	64	Guernsey	f	12	54	Malta	s	24	75	Sydney	f	21	70
Birmingham	c	9	48	Helsinki	sn	2	36	Manchester	c	9	48	Tenerife	f	24	75
Bristol	c	9	48	Innsbruck	c	6	43	Moscow	s	18	64	Venice	f	17	63
Brussels	c	9	48	Istanbul	f	26	79	Munich	c	9	48	Vienna	c	11	52
Budapest	s	24	75	Jersey	f	14	57	Naples	f	25	77	Warsaw	f	14	57
Cardiff	c	7	45	L Palmas	c	19	66	Nice	f	21	70	Zurich	f	8	46

April forecast

The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for April: Mainly cold and changeable weather is expected during the first week in most districts but over the month as a whole a marked variability of weather types seems likely. Some brief warm interludes are expected but spells of wet weather seem probable in many areas too, and another cold spell is likely in the second half of the month.

Mean temperatures are expected to be mostly below average but near average in N and W Scotland. Total rainfall is expected to be near average in Scotland, N Ireland and N parts of England and Wales and above average elsewhere. Frost and snow are expected to occur with about the normal frequency, while total hours of sunshine will probably be near the seasonal average.

Overseas selling prices
Republic of Ireland 9p; Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, BFr 25; Channel Islands, 9p; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Frs 2.80; Germany, Dmk 1.50; Greece, Dr 20; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, LF 18; Madeira, Esc 15; Malta, 9p; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 25; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50.

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Teachers decide to mount campaign for smaller classes

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Blackpool

The National Union of Teachers voted yesterday to campaign for a reduction in the size of classes despite the fact that local education authorities are cutting the number of teachers.

A priority motion at the union's annual conference in Blackpool asks that reception classes (for the youngest children) should have no more than 25 pupils and that no other class should have more than 30. It also calls for a great increase in the number of staff at schools for handicapped children.

The union will instruct its 577 branches to press their local councils for improvements in staffing and in the amount of teaching space in schools. Local associations are asked to carry out their own publicity campaigns to win parents' support on the points.

The union's executive has won its fight to get the Department of Education and Science to agree to study the manpower needs of schools. Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the conference yesterday that he had agreed in principle to such a study.

It is hoped that a team, probably from the National Foundation for Educational Research, will test recent government statements that the decision to cut the target for the teaching force from 510,000 teachers in 1981 to 485,000 will still mean that schools will be able to eliminate classes of more than 30 children.

The union insists that the Government's confidence on that point is misplaced. The two thousand delegates at the conference overwhelmingly approved a memorandum on the size of classes submitted by the union's executive.

Mr Alfred Wilshire, the union's vice-president, described how the campaign by local associations should be carried out.

"The answer to our problem means more buildings and more teachers", he said. "If next year the number of teachers available cannot be altered, your contribution is to go out to the public, to your parents, and press the case for smaller classes."

If any local association reported an increase in class sizes, the union's action committee, of which he was chairman, would support that association as strongly as possible.

Some delegates thought that the motion was not strong enough. Mrs Beth Stone, one of the executive's militant left-wing members, supported an amendment calling on teachers to refuse in September to take classes of more than 30 pupils.

"Teachers who teach in oversize classes have never done any favour to the children in those classes", she said. "With the cutbacks in teacher training and staffing, if we accept larger classes we are paving the way to putting our colleagues out of jobs."

But Mr David Streeter, another member of the executive said that the amendment was unrealistic. There was no chance of eliminating classes of more than 30 by September and it was highly unrealistic to ask that in six months' time teachers should refuse to teach such classes.

The best answer was a manpower study, which could provide the union with a guideline. He added that the union must be concerned that teachers of remedial classes should not be taken from their vital work to cover for the absence of colleagues in other classrooms.

The amendment was defeated by a large majority.

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Community role rejected by masters

From Stephen Cohen, of *The Times Educational Supplement*
Brighton

Teachers should concentrate on educating their pupils and not be used as part-time social workers, Mr John Chalk, the new president of the National Association of Schoolmasters, said yesterday.

Mr Chalk, head of a London primary school, was opening the association's annual conference in Brighton. He denied that teachers had to accept an obligation to use their professional skills in a social role in *the community*, in addition to their educational commitment.

The recent Houghton report, which recommended large rises in teachers' pay, mentioned the obligation as the teachers' part of the bargain if the community was going to shoulder the increased costs.

Mr Chalk said teachers could be involved in the community if they chose, but "to divert staff from the teaching role to make up for shortages in the social services would be unwise.

"We would not be thanked as a profession if, by wholesale diversion from educational to social efforts, we were to produce more and better cared-for illiterates than ever before."

The conference continues until Friday, with one of the heaviest agendas in the association's history. Tomorrow delegates will debate an executive resolution pledging support to members who refuse to take classes left without a teacher because the local authority has not employed its full quota.

Another resolution calls for support for teachers who refuse to have disruptive or violent children in their classes.

Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will address the conference tomorrow. Last year he was given a stormy reception by delegates who were angry at the Government's slowness in improving pay scales and salary structure.



19 Field Regiment RA on Salisbury Plain yesterday firing the final shot from the last 25-pounder, to be replaced by 105mm pack howitzer (in background).

'Company directors' who take to picketing

From Peter Hennessy
Aberdeen

Compare Mr William Hay, chairman of the Inshore Fishermen's Action Committee whose floating "flying picket" sealed virtually every main port in Scotland and the North of England early on Monday, with Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire mineworkers, or any other militant trade union leader and one is likely to be greeted with a piece of choice Aberdeen vituperation.

Mr Hay and his friends had a ripe contempt for the easy life of landbound trade unionists who, he says, can return to a warm fireside after a day on the picket lines while he and his fellow fishermen are out in the North Sea for nights on end.

"Our 1,200 company directors" is the phrase the action committee likes to use to describe the fiercely independent skipper/owners who on the committee's instructions sailed their small boats to prearranged destinations at midnight on Sunday.

"I'm nae a militant", says Mr Hay, aged 45, a skipper owner from the Moray Firth. "I would like nothing better than to get awa' back to sea. When we have finished this we will go our separate ways. There will be no trade union coming out of this."

The action committee met at 6 pm on Sunday to review weather reports and two hours later decided to go ahead with the blockade. Skippers were alerted throughout Scotland: "We were dealing with hundreds of owners", one committee man said. Ask them who is paying for the telephone bills, and the committee men sport their credit cards and talk vaguely and rather unconvincingly of it all coming out of their own pockets.

They say they were taken aback by the widespread response to those calls: "Our committee could not just turn round and bring out the Scottish fleet", Mr Hay said. "That had to happen with all the skippers' voluntary cooperation."

Mr David Smith, aged 44, a committee member from Anstruther, in the Firth of Forth, a skipper since the age of 23 and reputed to be the canniest white-fisherman on the east coast, said it would be misleading to see the blockade in terms of orthodox industrial action. A Tory voter all his life, he finds the thought distasteful:

"We are not striking for an extra £15 a week; we are striking for an industry that is going to vanish if things go on as they are", he said.

Many of his colleagues in the Aberdeen blockade, deeply religious men and pillars of their small communities, found it disturbing when Aberdeen police came on board on Monday morning and charged them with breaking harbour by-laws. But to see the Aberdeen committee members as simply a group of inspired innocents abroad would be to do them an injustice. Their blockade is part of a deliberate attempt to unify the fragmented Scottish fishermen.

Mr James Lovie, aged 40, a Peterhead skipper whose avowed aim is to unite the traditionally antagonistic herring and white-fish men, has provided the motive power and evangelical fervour behind the blockade.

Six weeks ago he became chairman and chief executive of the Scottish Fish Producers' Organization, which was set up last year on the initiative of a handful of skipper owners with the blessing of the Scottish Office.

Standing stocky and nattily dressed on the Aberdeen quayside, flushed with success and braving a bitter north-east wind at sunset on Monday evening, Mr Lovie said he believed that the new-found political muscle of his inshore fishermen would win the day. By his side stood Mr Douglas Henderson, the Scottish National MP for Aberdeenshire, East, who did not demur to that judgment: "They are the greatest fleet in the world", he said.

"Never mind the fleet", Mr Lovie said with appealing hyperbole. "You are seeing the greatest race of men in the world. If Horatius and his two men could hold off the whole Etruscan army, we can beat the Government yet."

£10,000 a day for Manchester vandalism

Vandalism in Manchester is costing about £10,000 a day, organizers of an anti-vandal campaign said yesterday.

Mr Peter Collins, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, who launched the campaign, said some firms preferred to suffer a level of vandalism rather than employ a watchman.

Manchester's vandalism was on a par with the rest of the country. "It is part of a nationwide malaise", he commented.

Shops topped the vandals' list with 1,137 offences in the 10 months to the end of January. Next came vehicles and other objects in the street (389), then factories, stores and warehouses (313).

Most cases involved people between 20 and 29 years old, a total of 1,180. The 10 to 19 age group came close behind.

Killer may have lived in van

Scotland Yard said yesterday that the killer of Lesley Whittle may have used a stolen van as a temporary home during the two years it was missing. It was possible that he was now using a similar stolen vehicle.

The police are interested in any information about the van, a dark blue Ford Escort stolen from Sutton Coldfield in September, 1972, and recovered last September.

'Hooligans' expelled

Six fifth-formers have been expelled from Walton County Secondary School, Peterborough, for "mob hooliganism". They took part in a flour-and-eggs classroom fight.

The Innings

A public house to be opened by Geoffrey Boycott at Worksop, Nottinghamshire, today is called The Innings in memory of Ted Alletson's 189 runs in 90 minutes against Sussex in 1911.

Minister out of touch, Dr Boyson says

An argument has started over remarks made by Mr Armstrong, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, about the so-called Black Paper on education.

The paper, details of which were published in *The Times* yesterday, three weeks in advance of publication, calls for national examinations for pupils aged seven-plus, 11-plus and 14-plus. Mr Armstrong said the proposal would put the clock back by introducing selection at seven and would make education more of a rat race.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, one of the two joint editors of the paper, said: "Anybody who makes emotive comments to that extent without having seen the whole document of many thousands of words and the 20 separate articles puts himself at risk of making rash statements which cannot be part of the truth."

Dr Boyson, a former headmaster, denied that the paper was a political polemic, and said that that accusation showed how out of touch Mr Armstrong was with the feelings of thousands of parents about declining standards in schools.

Dr Boyson also denied that an examination at seven-plus in reading would be selective. It was more a test for schools than for children. If there were a few children who did not pass, there would be an investigation into the teaching in their schools and a special course for the children.

"If they go on to the junior school without achieving these basic standards, they will fall behind", he added. "They will become deprived and the political drop-outs and delinquents of tomorrow."

Mr Armstrong's comments were supported by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, at a press conference in Blackpool yesterday. "I do not want to see the education system saddled with extra examinations", he said.

He told the conference: "All this Black Paper stuff needs to be thrown on one side. The point is not really whether educational standards of schools have risen or are falling. Standards are not good enough and never have been good enough, and we must do something about it."

Objections to the Black Paper's proposal for an examination at 14-plus, after which "lesson resisters" would be allowed to "disappear into apprenticeships", were also raised yesterday by Mrs Audrey Segal, editor of the new edition of Cassell's careers encyclopaedia.

She said the suggestion showed ignorance of the qualifications needed to take up apprenticeships. Normal qualifications for a technician apprentice included the satisfactory completion of five years' secondary education and a good school report.

The proposal would be opposed by employers, who did not want to take on the schools' difficulties in addition to those they already have.

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Social evils 'must be tackled in the schools'

More money and support should be given to the teaching services to improve the quality of living in Britain, according to Mr John E. Heath, the retiring chairman of the Professional Association of Teachers.

He said that money was being fed into social services was tackling social evils "the wrong way round. Stop the rot at its source, it's too late 15 years on."

Mr Heath was speaking at the association's conference in London.

Mr Heath, a lecturer at Trent College, Nottingham, added that the "omniscient, omnipotent" Department of Education and Science had seen fit to cut back on teacher training, but asked: "When will it learn that it is bodies, teachers, and not hardware that we require in order to have an effective service?"

The association, founded four years ago, has its headquarters in Derby. It is a small organization which includes teachers of all types and grades.

Girls at Giggleswick

Giggleswick School, at Settle, North Yorkshire, is to admit day-girls to the sixth form in September, at the request of parents.

The brighter sort rush to join the IQ queue

By Philip Howard

Mensa, the society for those who cultivate their high IQs as lovingly as lesser men cultivate cabbages, has been inundated with an unprecedented flood of applications for membership. British Mensa has received in the first 10 weeks of the year more than 16,000 inquiries from neophytes wishing to qualify, compared with 25,000 in the whole of last year.

Accordingly, in order to initiate seekers after IQ, Mensa today publishes a booklet describing its purpose, activities, and organization, and the measurement of intelligence on which admission depends.

The reason for the rush to join the society of those whose intellects are so precociously top-heavy that they seldom seem of much use for anything except passing intelligence tests is enigmatic.

Mr Wilfred Middleton, Mensa's new chairman and a corporal in the RAF police in his unintellectual time, was elected in November on a platform that high IQ is attainable by the ordinary man as well as dome-headed academics. Since then there has been much publicity about Mensa in the local press, culminating in the finals of "the national superbrain championships" in Birmingham in January.

Mr Middleton said yesterday that he thought that the political and social condition of Britain might also be partly responsible for the rush to join Mensa: "I wonder whether intelligent people are not beginning to look for an alternative answer to the terrible political, social and economic situation in which the country finds itself.

"Everything seems to be going wrong. Academic intellectuals have not made much of a job of running the country. It is notsurprising that intellectual people are desperately looking for a bit of intelligent realism as an alternative."

Mensa's booklet describes the austerely stern procedures by which a person qualifies as a member, by achieving a score on a recognized intelligence test higher than 98 per cent of the whole, generally thick, population. It describes its purposes as: to conduct research in psychology and social science; to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; and to provide opportunities for social contacts among its members.

Bright lads and lasses in love with their IQs can obtain copies of Mensa's booklet from: British Mensa Ltd, Newnam House, 13 George Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 4DF.

Judicial reform favoured by many lawyers, survey finds

By a Staff Reporter

Reform of the judicial system is favoured by more than two thirds of practising solicitors and barristers in England and Wales, according to a random sample taken for *The Times* by Research Services. Questionnaires were sent to 575 of the 28,000 solicitors and barristers in *The Law List*. There were 239 replies.

The sample shows that 67 per cent of those who replied want mild reform, 9 per cent want radical reform and a quarter think there should be no change.

On specific reforms, 72 per cent think that tightening police interviewing procedures would have a good effect, and 59 per cent think that decisions to prosecute and the formulation of charges should be taken out of police hands.

A suggestion that previous convictions should be admissible as evidence is opposed by 77 per cent.

The survey, made last August and September, is the seventh of a series into the attitudes and reading habits of people in public life, the professions and industry. It shows that among solicitors and barristers *The Times* is overwhelmingly favoured for law reports, and is also the most popular daily newspaper for leading articles. *The Sunday Times* is the most widely read Sunday newspaper. *The Legal Profession—A Study of Attitudes and Readership among Solicitors and Barristers in the UK* (Marketing Manager, *The Times*, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ, £3).

Scots plea in child cases

Children before Scottish courts in care and protection cases should have an independent representative to watch their interests, the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children urged yesterday.

In its annual report the society says that it is necessary because the interests of child and parents may be different, and because the child usually does not understand court proceedings.

Football ban lifted

Mrs Alice Dakin, aged 60, who was barred from home football matches of Stourbridge, a Southern League team, after an incident at the end of a match with Weymouth last December, has been told by the club that she can attend matches again.

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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Flood of Vietnam news confirms American determination to stay clear of sinking regime

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 1

American newspapers and television news broadcasts are *now dominated by events in* Vietnam. Hordes of reporters have returned to Saigon, where the number of American journalists was down to a handful a month ago.

One of the effects of this thorough coverage of the military disaster has been to reinforce America's determination to stay well clear of the sinking ship. When the communists closed in on Phnom Penh and Congress refused to vote further military aid for Cambodia, it at least seemed possible that the Vietnamese, if the need arose, would be given the help refused the Cambodians.

There is no hope of that now. Congress will be in recess until April 7. Enough military aid is already promised and the money for it appropriated to help the South Vietnamese defend Saigon.

A first cargo of 14 105mm howitzers and ammunition was flown into Saigon today on a United States Air Force C5A, and more will follow. But the prevailing view is that this is totally irrelevant. The only thing that could save Saigon would be the United States Marines and the B52 bombers of the Air Force.

President Ford and the Secretary of State have not commented on events this week. They are awaiting the return of General Frederick Weyand, the Army Chief of Staff, who has been in Vietnam looking at the situation. Mr Ford will hold a press conference on Thursday after his return.

General William Westmoreland, who was American commander in Vietnam during the Tet offensive in 1968, said today that he was "disappointed" by the lack of discipline shown by units of the South Vietnamese Army. He said there was evidently a breakdown in the chain of command and panic in the ranks.

American observers expect the North Vietnamese will complete the conquest of the country north of Saigon's defence perimeter by tomorrow and will launch an attack on the capital as soon as they can muster their forces.

The only remaining questions are where, if anywhere, the Saigon troops will make their last stand and how soon the *communists will attack. If the* panic of Da Nang, Qui Nhon and Nha Trang spreads to Saigon, then the end could come very quickly.

The attempts to evacuate refugees and soldiers from *coastal cities has been over*taken by events. Refugees taken from Da Nang to Cam Rahn will presumably find themselves *behind communist lines again* tomorrow and those hundreds of thousands of unhappy civilians who escaped from the *Central Highlands three weeks* ago, and reached the coast at Tuy Hoa after a desperate trek through the jungle, are all now under communist control.

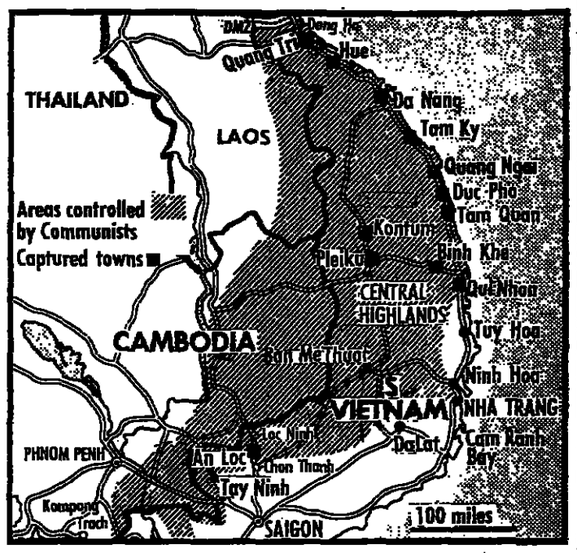
Meanwhile, observers fear Marshal Lon Nol's flight from Phnom Penh will precipitate the complete collapse of Cambodian resistance. They also speculate that President Thieu has delayed his own departure too long. If he resigns now the whole regime might collapse with him.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: United Nations officials said today that supplies for the relief of Vietnamese refugees were being stockpiled in Singapore and Bangkok. But nothing *could be moved into Vietnam* until approval was given by the communist forces now advancing south.

The question of aid is expected to be raised by M Jacques Beaumont, an official *of Unicef who was due to arrive* in Hanoi today. It will also be discussed by an official of the United Nations High Commis*sion for Refugees, who was leav*ing for Hanoi today.

Meanwhile, both agencies are hoping that governments and private organizations will contribute funds that can be used to help the refugees. An appeal for them to do so was made yesterday by Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, who spoke of the need for increased humanitarian assistance for the millions involved.

So far, $4m worth (£1.6m) *of goods is being stockpiled,* consisting of tarpaulins, blankets, medical supplies, and children's food and clothing. *The Australian Government has* offered to fly it in to Vietnam.



Cambodian leader arrives in Bali

From Bruce Palling
Phnom Penh, April 1

President Lon Nol left Phnom Penh for Jakarta today along *with Mr Long Boret, the Prime* Minister, and more than 20 officials and relatives.

The Air Cambodge Caravelle took the party first to Thailand before they proceeded to Indonesia, where the President was invited by President Suharto. The party left Chamcar Mon Palace in Phnom Penh for Pochentong international airport in *three helicopters.* Mr John Gunther Dean, the American Ambassador, was at the airport to see the President off *—during which time about five* rockets fell.

Shortly after the President's departure, a pre-recorded *address was broadcast in which* he said his departure was only temporary. He emphasized that he was prepared to make whatever sacrifice was necessary to bring peace to Cambodia, leading observers to speculate that he may never return.

With the departure last weekend of Mr Cheng Heng, the former interim head of state, and today's departure, there are now only two of the original "seven traitors" still living in Cambodia. The seven were implicated in the overthrow in 1970 of Prince Norodom Sihanouk whose government-in-exile vows that they will be executed

The military situation in and round Phnom Penh has continued to deteriorate during the past 36 hours, with unconfirmed reports that about half of the Mekong ferry town Neak Luong has been overrun by the Khmers Rouges after their three-month campaign against the town. The Government operation north-west of Phnom Penh airport designed to clear the "rocket belt" has temporarily stalled

After communist advances through the capital's northern defence perimeter some units involved in the rocket belt operation are said to have been redeployed. With President Lon Nol's departure more military responsibility will fall on General Saksuth Sakhan, the recently appointed Chief of the General Staff, Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister. While the general is said to command respect in the armed forces, it is difficult to see how, at this late stage, he could transform the deteriorating military position.

Jakarta, April 1.—President Lon Nol arrived on the island of Bali tonight to be greeted by Mr Adam Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, who confirmed that the Marshal was in Indonesia for a 10-day unofficial stay. Later he is to visit the United States. The visiting Cambodians were spending their first night at the luxury Beach Hotel. Later they will move to Tampak Siring, a summer resort overlooking plush green valleys.

There was no official word on whether Marshal Lon Nol would meet President Suharto. But informed sources said Mr Boret would brief Mr Malik on the situation in Cambodia.



President Lon Nol walks with his tearful wife as they leave Phnom Penh.

The party had stopped over earlier today at Thailand's U/Tapao air base where they were greeted by Mr Chatichai Choonhavan, the Thai Foreign Minister, and General Kriangsak Chamanand, the armed forces chief of staff.—Reuter, AP.

Peking, April 1.—Prince Norodom Sihanouk has reiterated that there will be no negotiations with the Lon Nol administration even if President Lon Nol does not return.

Our Delhi Correspondent writes: India has accorded *de jure* recognition to Prince Sihanouk's Government. The announcement was made today at the end of the visit of Mr Sarin Chhak, Foreign Minister of Prince Sihanouk.

12 Portuguese parties start election battle

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, April 1

Portugal's election campaign for the choice of 247 deputies to a Constituent Assembly began at midnight. From now until the elections on April 25, the 12 contesting parties may use every legal means to promote their propaganda.

These include 90 minutes of television time and 12½ hours of radio time each, meetings, rallies, posters and even sing-songs.

For weeks past detachments of the Armed Forces Movement, which engineered last April's coup, have been travelling the countryside to enlighten villagers on their duties as voters. There has been a flood of handbooks for the electorate, explaining voting procedures with kindergarten-type drawings. Television has been showing nightly rehearsals of a voter at the polling booth, and a regular programme of "electoral consultation" is to be broadcast from now until polling day.

There will scarcely be a moment outside working hours when the Portuguese population will not be inundated with propaganda from the 12 parties. These are the Social Democratic Central Party (CDS); the Socialist Popular Front (FSP), the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP); the left-wing Socialist Movement (MES); the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP); the Popular Democratic Party (PPD); the Popular Monarchist Party (PPM); the Socialist Party (PS); the Communist Electoral Front (FEC—Marxist-Leninist); the Internationalist Communist League (LCI); the Popular Democratic Union (UDP) and the Party of Popular Unity (PUP).

Three parties, the Maoist (MRPP), the Centrist Christian Party and the Worker-Peasant Party (AOC) have been banned from taking part.

The Government, through a specially appointed national electoral *committee, has fixed* heavy penalties for anyone who attempts in any way to sabotage the elections. These include up to eight years' imprisonment and a fine of more than £1,500. The Armed Forces Movement is responsible for keeping order during the election campaign and on polling day.

The more than six million voters, including some 20,000 immigrant workers abroad, will learn the official result of their vote on May 8. The Government has hired an American-built computer for the counting.

The first party to take advantage of the electoral period will be the PPD, which is launching a poster campaign immediately after midnight and organizing a *sing-song* in Lisbon. Dr Mario Soares, the secretary-general of the Socialist Party, will attend a rally in the southern city of Faro.

As the electoral campaign gets under way, the Portuguese Cabinet is simplifying its methods of work. It announced today that a mini-Cabinet will be formed to meet weekly to discuss matters of urgency. It will consist of the Prime Minister, the four Ministers without Portfolio, and one of the military Ministers of the Government who belongs to the Armed Forces Movement. It will communicate its findings on any matter to the minister in charge of the sector concerned.

Portugal pledges aid to former African colonies

Dar es Salaam, April 1.—Portugal's new Government wanted to establish privileged and close relations with its former colonies in Africa, Major Ernesto Melo Antunes, the Foreign Minister, said in Dar es Salaam today.

Speaking on the last day of negotiations with Frelimo, the *Mozambique nationalist move*ment, concerning economic arrangements for Mozambique's independence in June, Major Melo Antunes told a press conference that he envisaged these relations to be even closer than Portugal's traditional ties with Brazil—which include dual nationality.

"Everything Portugal is able to do for its former colonies it will do, even though Portugal is facing its own financial problems," he said, pointing out that his country could give effective support to its former colonies in many technical and economical spheres.

The minister has been meeting Frelimo representatives since Saturday to work out future financial arrangements and assess responsibility for Mozambique's £400m foreign debt. Another meeting has been planned.

Major Melo Antunes said Frelimo had indicated already that it would remain in the *escudos area,* the monetary group based on the Portuguese currency. He added that Mozambique had no debts with the Portuguese Government but there were various private economic and financial arrangements which needed attention before independence on June 25.

These included the huge Cabora Bassa dam on the Zambezi river, built with Portuguese agreement by a consortium of European firms to supply electricity to South Africa.

The Foreign Minister will return to Angola this week to try to end once more the fighting between rival nationalist groups. He told reporters today that the ceasefire agreement he *arranged, and which was* signed last Friday by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and the Front for the Liberation of Angola, was not working satisfactorily.

Major Melo Antunes said: "When I leave Dar es Salaam, I will go to Angola to use my efforts to establish order and develop a dialogue between leaders of the different liberation movements. I am sure that with the combined efforts of our side and the liberation movements we will find an adequate solution for bringing peace in Angola."

Portugal and Tanzania today established diplomatic relations, making Tanzania the second African country below the Sahara desert to have ties with the new Portuguese left-wing Government. The first was Senegal.—Reuter.

Wine war may be stopped legally by Commission

From David Cross
Brussels, April 1

Ministers of agriculture of *the Nine are expected to meet* in emergency session in Luxembourg in the near future to mediate in the wine war *between the French and the* Italians.

In the meantime, the European Commission, as custodian of the EEC treaties, may take legal action before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg to force an immediate end to the restrictions on wine imports announced by the French Government last month.

A four-week import ban is due to last until the next regular meeting of EEC ministers of agriculture on April 28, unless France can in the meantime be persuaded to take other less damaging measures.

In a free trade organization like the Community, any steps to restrict imports between member states are strictly illegal, although France argues somewhat unconvincingly that the ban is a personal affair involving only its wine importers.

The ban, whatever its juridical status, has irritated not only the Italian government. Mr Pierre Lardinois, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, told journalists in Brussels last week that it was "a very serious matter" which the Community's fair competition department was already investigating.

Clearly, he feels that once again the French, who have benefited more from the Community's agricultural policy than *any other member state, are* willing to break the rules or their spirit when this is to their political or economic advantage.

As he explained when he addressed a press conference, the wine war was sparked off by a drop in consumption in the Community's main producer countries. This has led to a "lake" of some 500 million gallons of surplus wine which will either have to be destroyed, distilled into industrial alcohol or sold overseas.

Although the Luxembourg emergency meeting is expected to concentrate on the wine problem, difficulties facing other EEC farmers may well be raised. These could, for example, include possible help for British and other EEC fishermen, for poultry and egg producers and for beef farmers.

Transkei officials take over police stations

Umtata, April 1.—South *African authorities* have handed over 30 police stations to officials in Transkei, the country's largest "homeland". Only five *remain under South African* administration.

Tunisian Premier on visit to Peking

Peking, April 1.—Mr Hedi Nouira, the Tunisian Prime Minister, arrived in Peking today on a official visit to China. He was welcomed at the *airport by Mr Chang* Chun-chiao, deputy Prime Minister.

Two 'plotters' flee Ethiopia in hijacked plane

Addis Ababa, April 1.—Five civilians alleged to be involved in a plot against Ethiopia's left-wing ruling Military Council have been shot dead in a clash with security forces, according to a council statement today.

Another two anti-Government conspirators were seized at the town of Alem Ketema in central *Shoa province. A police corporal* was killed and a private wounded in the incident on March 2, the statement said.

It added that two other men involved in the conspiracy—police Colonel Asrat Bogale and a civilian named as Mr Amare Ijigu—had escaped by hijacking a police aircraft to the French enclave of Djibouti.—Reuter.

Two killed in hotel blaze at Italian resort

Bolzano, April 1.—Two people were killed and 25 injured when fire swept an hotel at the winter *sports resort of Corvara in* Val Badia today.

About 100 people, many of them German tourists, were in the hotel when the fire broke out at about 6am. Many managed to escape through one wing of the building, but 25 received burns or were hurt in leaping from upper windows.

Police said a fault in the heating system was the likeliest cause of the fire.

Bengalis demand inquiry into Stonehouse stamps

By Michael Horsnell

An official inquiry into a fund-raising scheme initiated by Mr John Stonehouse in 1971 for Bangladesh, which involved the issue of a special set of postage stamps commemorating the newly emerging state, was demanded yesterday by leaders of the Bengali community in Britain.

The accounts of the Bangladesh Fund, a relief fund of which the truant MP was a trustee, *show that £450.13 was* paid in. The inquiry would seek to establish how much money was raised by the sale of the stamps and where, apart from the Bangladesh Fund, it went.

Mr Fazlul Huq, a Bengali barrister who has been investigating the running of the Bangladesh Fund, has called for the inquiry.

Mr Biman Mullick, a Bengali graphic designer who was called in by Mr Stonehouse to design the stamps, confirmed that the MP, who was championing the Bangladesh cause, regarded the special issue as an effective propagandist and fund-raising move.

Using his experience as a former Postmaster General, Mr *Stonehouse negotiated* with Format International Security Printers, London, with the *approval of the provisional government of Bangladesh.* Eight stamps of different denominations, collectively telling the story of the Bangla*desh struggle for liberation,* were issued from Mujibnagar and London.

It is also believed that Mr *Stonehouse posted several* letters from a post office in a liberated area in the Jessore district to prove their validity.

The stamps were issued on July 22, 1971, nearly five months before the liberation of the country and now the Bangladesh Government is investigating the affair. Efforts by the postal authorities in Bangladesh to discover the whereabouts of unsold stamps and accounts for those which *had been sold were almost* entirely fruitless.

The printers of the stamps were not available for comment yesterday but a reliable estimate puts the issue at about 200,000 stamps.

After the liberation Mr Stonehouse is said to have handed over 500 sets of a second issue of the stamps—they differed from the original only in proclaiming liberation —to the Postmaster General of Dacca

Collectors of the stamps in Bangladesh, who regarded them as rare items, were disappointed, however, to find later that they were selling in abundance in Britain. Again, a question mark hangs over what happened to the sale proceeds of the stamps in Britain.

But this was not the end of the story. A new series of 15 definitive Bangladesh stamps were printed in Britain in January, 1972. These were similar to the ones designed by Mr Mullick, *who* is angry that he was not consulted.

Many of these stamps are believed to have been destroyed *after an approach to the* printers by the Bangladesh postal authorities. Mr Huq said yesterday: "I feel that the *money which went to Bangla*desh from the proceeds is a ridiculous amount. We want an official inquiry in Britain."

German tourists flocking to Balearic islands

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 1

For the first time on record, Germans are expected to outnumber British tourists in the Balearic islands this year, according to Spanish officials in Palma de Majorca. The annual report on tourism in the Balearics, published by the *Palma representatives of the* Ministry of Information and Tourism, shows that 350,000 fewer Britons spent their holidays in the islands last year than in 1973, with the total of British holidaymakers dropping to one million.

The number of German tourists grew by 150,000 to a total of more than 800,000. Tourist officials expect even more Germans to come this year and the total to surpass the million mark. Fewer than one million Britons are expected.

The report also shows that for the first time in the 28 years of recorded tourist statistics, the number of visitors to the islands was less than in the previous year. The drop in 1974 was 11 per cent. The Balearics, *Europe's busiest holiday centre,* have more than 200,000 tourist beds, 30 per cent of the total in Spain.

Sons of Jewish scientist leave Russia

Moscow, April 1.—Alexander and Yevgeny Levich, sons of one of the highest-ranking Jewish scientists to seek permission to leave the Soviet Union, flew from Moscow to Vienna today on their way to Israel, ending a three-year fight for exit visas.

About 25 relatives and Jewish activist friends went to the airport to say farewell to Alexander, aged 30, and his 26-year-old brother, who were accompanied by their wives and the family's dog.

They told reporters they had been promised that their father, Dr Benjamin Levich, the electrochemist, who is a Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences, would be allowed to leave the Soviet Union with their mother by the end of the year.—Reuter.

President loses post

Tegucigalpa, April 1.—The Honduran Armed Forces Council today removed President Lopez Arellano from his post as chief of the armed forces, saying that he could no longer occupy a dual role.—Reuter.

Queen's visit to Japanese shrine cancelled

Tokyo, April 1.—A political and religious controversy has forced Japanese officials to cancel a visit by the Queen to the tomb of the unknown soldier in Tokyo during her visit to Japan from May 7 to 12.

Japan's Association of Families of Dead Soldiers said that if she went to the tomb, she also would have to visit the Yasukuni Shinto shrine, dedicated to fallen warriors of the past 100 years.

The shrine has survived five attempts since 1969 to place it under state control. Its followers protested that a visit by the Queen would violate the constitutional separation of church and state and argued that, as a head of state, the Queen could not pay respects at the shrine *of any particular religion.*

To avoid the delicate issue, officials have now cancelled the Queen's visit to the tomb but will instead take her to the Ise shrine of Japan's Sun Goddess—mythical ancestor of the Japanese imperial family.

*The National Christian Coun*cil of Japan, which has opposed the Queen's visit to the Shinto shrine, said: "If she visits the Ise shrine as one of the historical institutions of Japan rather than paying homage to the shrine, we may not oppose the visit."

Issuing the official itinerary of the visit, the Foreign Ministry said that, among other activities, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh would pay a state call on Emperor Hirohito *and Empress Nagako and attend* a state banquet given in their honour by the Japanese royal couple on the day of their arrival. *The Emperor and* Empress paid a state visit to Britain in the autumn of 1971. —Reuter.

£300,000 ransom demand for market owner

Marseilles, April 1.—The owner of a chain of supermarkets has been kidnapped by men demanding a three million franc (£300,000) ransom.

M Antranick Parourian, an Armenian, who spent 13 years in jail in the United States for drug smuggling, was kidnapped on March 24, police said.

No conditions for the release of M Parourian have yet been made by the kidnappers.—Reuter.

Guru denounced by mother as a playboy

Delhi, April 1.—The mother of Guru Maharaj Ji, the 17-year-old Indian religious leader now living in the United States with an American wife, renounced her son today, accusing him of being a playboy instead of a holy man.

In a signed statement, she declared she was removing him as spiritual leader of the Divine *Light Mission and no longer* recognizing him as the "Perfect Master", as he is known to his followers of whom there are *eight million* in India.

The Guru left India in June, 1973, after posting a bond with the authorities in respect of a customs case in which jewelry, other valuables and currency were seized from some of his disciples. He married his American secretary last May

Shah to visit Caracas

Caracas, April 1.—The Shah of Iran arrives in Caracas on Sunday for a state visit to Venezuela in response to an invitation from President Andrés Pérez during a meeting of the *Organization of Petroleum* Exporting Countries.—Reuter.

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Rockets seized in Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, April 1.—A number of people were arrested today for questioning after explosions near military camps in four west Malaysian states.

Police sources said that in raids by joint army and police units seven rocket launchers and rockets, timing devices and communist banners had been *seized. Officials blamed com*munist elements for the explosions. In southern Johore state the police found three launch pads and a rocket launcher

Pont des Arts saved by minister

From Richard Wigg
Paris, April 1

The Pont des Arts, perhaps the best loved bridge over the Seine in Paris, wide enough only for pedestrians, is to be saved from demolition. M *Michel Guy, the Secretary of* State for Cultural Affairs, has won a five-year battle with the Paris Port Authority, who wanted to scrap the bridge which dates from the time of Napoleon.

M Guy has conducted a general campaign to save worthwhile examples of France's nineteenth-century architectural heritage. The Pont des Arts, which takes its name from the Louvre nearby, was the first iron bridge to be built over the Seine in Paris. Dating from *1802, it will now be classified* among protected national monuments.

In 1961, and again in April, 1970, its central support was struck by barges. The Port Authority rebuilt the bridge after the first mishap but after the second argued stubbornly for a modern single-span structure.

The victory of those who defend "the old Paris" will not be complete until they have persuaded M Guy to fall in with their wishes and restore to the *pedestrians' bridge par excel*lence its adornments of the nineteenth century—orange trees in boxes and even chairs from which to admire the Ile de la Cité. In the Paris of the automobile age the Pont des Arts would then indeed be an oasis of calm.

General Franco's daughter unhurt in rail accident

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 1

General Franco's daughter and two of his grandchildren were unharmed in a rail accident which injured 25 persons in southern Spain today. The Madrid-bound express train jumped the tracks at about 2 am near the city of Ubeda.

Six of the 12 coaches left the rails, but not the coach in which General Franco's daughter, the Marquesa de Villaverde, and her children were travelling. Of the 25 persons hurt, two were reported to be in serious condition.

An investigation is under way. One of the coaches was reported to have landed upside down about 100 feet away from the railway line.

In another accident near Barcelona yesterday evening, 20 persons were injured, two of them seriously, when three coaches of a local train were derailed by a landslide.

On the southern coast, in Torremolinos, a fire in a hotel where 130 British tourists were staying caused some guests to flee briefly. However, the blaze was put out quickly; and no order was given to evacuate the 212-room hotel La Cacada.

Women can take the lead in making Parliament more efficient

Renée Short, who has been a Labour Member of Parliament since 1964, contributes this week's column in our International Women's Year series.



Imagine you, the reader and a *woman*, applying for a job in central London and being told: There'll be more obstacles for you—not that we've anything against employing women, you understand, and we do absolutely believe in equality of the sexes, but of course we can't make any changes in our system, even though many of our male employees would benefit as well if we did. You must understand this is a rather old-fashioned firm, we don't make changes very readily. We have 535 people on the staff here and we never seem to get more than 20 or so women among us. Come to think of it, it is rather odd, isn't it?

"We shall expect you to be here some mornings at 10 o'clock and your day will not usually end before 10 pm on an early night; often we require our people to work overtime, without overtime pay. I'm afraid. I know you've probably got a husband and a family, but they can manage can't they? They don't live in London? Oh dear, can't hubby give up his job, and then you can all move to London? No? He's got a career, too? That's too bad, you'll have to employ a full-time housekeeper then, won't you? You think that's not a natural life and no good for marriage? Well, dear, you'll have to choose, won't you? You women can't have it all ways. Your children are still rather young; you say? No, we do *not* have a nursery group or crèche here. We don't go for these new fangled ideas in this firm."

And so no wonder the House of Commons lumbers on—and on. No wonder conditions are so appalling for both men and women.

The demands and the pressures are increasing and the hostility of the system to the human beings trying to the best of their ability to meet those demands has to be experienced to be believed—and that applies to staff as well as members. Wives have no idea what Parliamentary life will mean to their husbands, their children and themselves until their husbands are actually elected. Husbands need to be unusually masochistic to tolerate a wife who is a Member of Parliament. And it is no use people writing to us and saying "You knew what it was like before you went there". We didn't. The proof of that piece of pudding lies definitely in the eating and digesting!

Ever since women were allowed to have a shot at getting into Parliament—and that is 57 years and 17 elections ago—little has changed. We got one woman in Parliament in 1918 and our best year since was 1964 when 29 women were elected. In 1918, 17 women stood as candidates and last October there were only 161 women who felt they could take on Parliament as well as all the domestic and family commitments married women have to cope with. Many married women candidates in the safer seats tend to have teenage children. They are much later starters in a political career than the men, because of their family obligations. At selection conferences they are often asked personal questions about their family life that would never be put to men candidates. Indeed, women have often been told they should stay at home and look after their families. Would they ever dare to tell a man that?

The truth is that since the beginning of time sex discrimination has operated, making sure that girls fulfil their predetermined sex roles, indeed the brainwashing begins as soon as they are old enough to look at picture books. Women are positively discouraged from attempting to enter male-dominated territory, such as politics, and only the strong in mind and body manage to break through the barriers and stay within the magic enclosure.

We do not train our girls and women to seek responsibility, and too many families still begrudge a decent education for their girls.

So it is not surprising that too many women lack self-confidence and accept society's valuation of themselves—Hitler's three Ks, *Kinder, Kirche, Kücher*, still apply.

But light breaks on the horizon! This is International Women's Year, when much is being heard about real equality of opportunity for women, about better education, training and career prospects for girls, about an end to sex discrimination wherever it appears. It is also the year when the Home Secretary has introduced legislation to bring this about. It is the year when more and better provision must be made to care for young children in the pre-school age group, and it is the year when more and more women will realise that they can control their own fertility.

It ought to be a good time to persuade the men to join us in trying to get a better, more efficient and more serviceable House of Commons. The country must surely want that, but it will never get it as long as present conditions persist. It is true that any demand for better pay or working conditions in the House makes a lot of people teeter on the verge of apoplexy. They don't turn a hair when top civil servants, judges, and suchlike, who are already cosseted to a degree, get it handed to them on a plate.

I have never understood why we have tolerated our conditions so meekly. They are abominable compared with any other Parliament in east or west Europe. Perhaps it is precisely *because* we have always had so few women in the House!

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Katie Stewart

Healthy, wealthy and wise with vegetables

Once you set your mind to thinking around vegetables there is no end to ways you can serve them in a filling and substantial form. Serving more vegetables and less meat can cut the cost of living, and it is healthier, too. There are plenty of vegetables to choose from all the year round, and anyone who has a vegetable garden will know how lovely the fresh flavours can be. If you grow your own vegetables then it really does make sense to serve more of them, more often.

For some imaginative ideas, who better to consult than somebody who is a good cook and a vegetarian: a person like Rose Elliot, busy working mother and author of several creative vegetarian cookery books.

"If you think around a vegetable recipe you can develop it into a main dish", is Rose Elliot's advice to would-be vegetable cooks. A good example is the way she has evolved a colourful and appetizing method of serving vegetables from a standard *polonaise* garnish.

When *polonaise* appears on a menu it means that the vegetable, and it is usually cauliflower, is garnished with a sprinkling of fried breadcrumbs and chopped hard boiled egg. Rose Elliot uses more egg, usually about four, because she is adding protein to the dish. She fries breadcrumbs in butter until crisp, then grates in plenty of hard boiled egg. Some chopped parsley and grated lemon rind to flavour it nicely and the whole lot is tossed together to mix. Vegetables in a cream sauce are delicious with this mixture generously sprinkled over the top. Cooked courgettes, leeks, onions, mushrooms or spinach are all nice served this way.

Rose Elliot takes the simple method of serving vegetables in a cheese sauce and develops it with tremendous flair. She uses cauliflower, celery, fennel, Jerusalem artichokes and salsify. In each case the vegetable is prepared, cooked and arranged in a serving dish. To any of them she might also add sautéd button mushrooms or canned sweetcorn before topping them with a cheese sauce made in the usual way.

Courgettes, cut into chunky ½ inch pieces and simmered until tender, are also nice served like this. Another suggestion that sounds good is a mixture of aubergines, sweet peppers, onions and mushrooms all sliced and sautéd until tender and served with a cheese sauce topping. A generous sprinkling of extra grated cheese and breadcrumbs ensures that the surface is crisp and appetizing after a moment or two under the grill. The crunch texture is an important contrast to the tender vegetables underneath. For colourful presentation, surround your vegetables with more vegetables. Something like grilled tomatoes or green beans and border of piped potato. Vegetables served as a main dish must look attractive.

Pancakes rolled round a vegetable filling are easy to prepare. Pancakes are nice wrapped round whole cooked leeks and served with a cream sauce and a scattering of cheese. Or you can bind cooked spinach or button mushrooms with a little cheese sauce before you fill the pancakes pouring the remaining sauce over the top. Serve them bubbling hot with a nice crisp salad. You can make pancakes in advance and keep a supply of them in a plastic box in the refrigerator.

Cheese and eggs are the two most obvious sources of protein to use along with vegetable dishes. When you are serving vegetables and leaving out the meat, it is important to make use of every scrap of protein available. Like cooking brown rice instead of white and using wholewheat flour in pancakes and pastry. Pancakes can be made with wholewheat flour in exactly the same way as usual and they have a very nice flavour. Use 4 oz wholewheat flour, salt, 1 egg and ¼ pint milk. To make pastry with wholewheat flour is more difficult. The mixture is drier, more crumbly and therefore more difficult to handle. Fat and flour proportions are the same, but Rose Elliot finds results are better when she adds 1 level teaspoon baking powder for every 4 oz wholewheat flour to give the pastry a lighter texture. She also recommends that those trying it for the first time should use half white and half wholewheat flour to begin with, gradually working over to all brown flour.

There are dozens of vegetable fillings for pastry cases. Among my favourites are fried onions mixed with soured cream and eggs; spinach puree with cottage cheese and eggs; or the familiar custard mixture of egg and milk baked over fried leeks, grated cheese, sliced tomatoes or mushrooms. Rose Elliot fills her wholewheat flans with vegetables in a cheese sauce. She uses a mixture of cooked cauliflower, onions, mushrooms or marrow. A sprinkling of cheese on top and the flan is lightly browned under the grill. Nice served hot with green vegetables or cold with a salad. On other occasions she fries a mixture of aubergines, tomatoes and onions and stirs in an egg which makes the ingredients set in the heat of the oven to make a kind of ratatouille flan.

Rose Elliot's books could be a great source of inspiration to cooks who want to serve more vegetables. They are available from health food stores or by post direct from the White Eagle Publishing Trust, Liss, Hampshire: *Simply Delicious* £1 (£1.20 by post), *Not just a Load of Old Lentils*, £1.50 (£1.75 by post); and *Thrifty Fifty*, 40p (48p by post).

From my own experience I have found a good sized frying pan invaluable when it comes to preparing vegetable dishes. There are few things more delicious, for instance, than a pan full of crisp hot sauté potatoes fried with lots of onion and with chopped salty anchovy fillets and chopped parsley added. Serve them with fried eggs. Ratatouille is cooked in a frying pan, too. A marvellous dish to make in summer when there are courgettes and marrows in the garden. Serve ratatouille hot for supper with grated cheese over the top and crusty bread and butter to eat along with it. Or serve ratatouille spooned over slices of fried bread or with baked potatoes.

With the aid of a frying pan you can make lovely crisp vegetable fritters. Grated raw potato with onion fried to a golden brown, or corn fritters. Either is very nice for supper if you allow 2-3 fritters per person and serve them with grilled tomatoes and fried bacon rashers.

Potato pancakes

Serves 4

1 lb potatoes;
1 onion;
2 eggs;
2 oz plain flour;
1 level teaspoon salt;
Freshly milled pepper;
2-3 tablespoons oil for frying.

Peel the potatoes and onion, then grate both through the coarse side of a grater into a mixing basin. Add the eggs, flour, salt and pepper and, using a wooden spoon, mix the ingredients thoroughly.

Heat the oil in a frying pan and add the potato mixture in tablespoons at a time. Fry only 3-4 pancakes at a time and, as the mixture is spooned in, flatten them slightly. Fry over moderate heat until brown on the underside—takes about 5 minutes, then turn and brown on the second side. When cooked lift the pancakes from the pan and drain on absorbent paper. Add more oil as necessary and fry the remainder of the mixture.

Serve the pancakes hot as they are made. This mixture makes about 12; allow three per person.

Leek Tart

Serves 4

¼ oz shortcrust pastry.

For the filling

6 medium leeks;
1½ oz butter;
Salt and freshly milled pepper;
2 eggs;
¼ pint milk;
1 oz grated Parmesan cheese.

Roll out the pastry and use to line an 8-inch flan or quich tin. Set aside while preparing the filling.

Trim and wash the leeks, cutting away the root and dark green of the leaves, then slice finely. Add to the butter melted in a frying pan, season with salt and pepper and fry gently to soften. Lift from the pan and spread over the base of the pastry case. Sprinkle with the cheese. Beat the eggs and milk, strain into a jug and pour into the pastry case.

Place in the centre of a hot oven (375 deg F or gas No 5) and bake for 45 minutes. Serve warm.

OVERSEAS

Israel briefs special emissaries to lay blame squarely on Egypt

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 1

In an attempt to halt an apparent erosion of support in the United States, Israel is recruiting political heavyweights to explain its position. They will concentrate on correcting the misconception, as it is regarded here, that Dr Kissinger's Middle East mission failed because of Israel's unwillingness to make concessions.

Egypt's refusal to give a pledge of non-belligerency is seen in Jerusalem as the obvious cause of the failure.

Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister, and Mr Abba Eban, the former Foreign Minister, have already agreed to make speaking tours of the United States and Mr Eban will also visit Britain. The choice of Mr Yitzhak Ben Aharon, one of the Labour Party's leading left-wing rebels, as missionary to the Scandinavian countries, shows the extent to which the political ranks have closed.

It is not surprising that the main attention is focused on the United States where, in spite of denials, there are still signs of displeasure at Israel's resistance to Dr Kissinger's attempts to obtain last-minute concessions. There is also disappointment over the praise in America and Europe of President Sadat's speech announcing the reopening of the Suez Canal and offering to renew the mandate of United Nations troops in Sinai until July.

Mr Sadat's extension of the United Nations mandate is regarded in Israel not as an act of moderation but as a violation of last year's disengagement agreement which called for six-month extensions, and it is pointed out that the reopening of the canal was promised during the post-war talks in January, 1974.

Egypt is believed to be giving the United States a last chance to put pressure on Israel and set the scene for the Geneva conference with the Palestine Liberation Organization in attendance. The implied threat by Cairo is that if Washington cannot use the three months to make progress President Sadat will turn again to the Soviet Union.

The five-day visit by Senator George McGovern, starting tomorrow will give Israel's leaders an opportunity to gauge the extent of the shift in American thinking on the Middle East. There has been angry criticism over the meeting between the Democratic senator, who is regarded as a possible future President, and Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader.

In Jerusalem Mr McGovern will meet Israel's senior ministers and representatives of West Bank Arabs. It is significant that he has asked to meet not the old guard of Hashemite notables but representatives of young Palestinians who are expected to be nominated by the United States consul general.

Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said tonight that he thought the present United States policy reassessment of the Middle East would not hold up talks on Israel's aid requests for more than a few weeks. He repeated his belief that the stage-by-stage method still offered the best hope of progress but added that Israel was ready to consider other moves.

Haifa, April 1.—A Lebanese cargo boat escorted into Haifa harbour by a coastguard launch on Saturday night after drifting into Israel waters will be released after repairs, the police announced today.

The 120-ton ship, powered by sail with an auxiliary motor, was similar to another vessel believed to have brought Palestinian guerrillas close to the Israel shore where they attacked a seafront hotel on March 6.

Beirut, April 1.—Lebanese artillery today fired at an Israel patrol which entered South Lebanon in Tyre province to plant mines, a military spokesman said. The Israelis withdrew into Israel and then fired 53 shells at the Lebanese, killing a villager.—Reuter.

Iraqi troops advance into Kurdish areas

From Andrew Murray
Teheran, April 1

The Iraqis today resumed their advance into territory formerly controlled by the Kurdish nationalists in northern Iraq. They are not expected to meet much resistance after the Kurdish leadership's decision not to continue the war.

The Iraq advance comes at the end of the ceasefire announced on March 11. The Iraq Revolutionary Command Council, in a statement last night, urged the Kurds who "for climatic and other reasons" had failed to give themselves up and surrender their weapons, to do so for fear of severe punishment.

The Iraqis have refused to allow Kurdish refugees to continue to cross the border into Iran. Iranian sources say that the Iranian Government would continue to accept Kurdish refugees if the Iraq Government allowed them to cross the border.

The Iraq Government announced that Kurdish refugees in Iran who wanted to return to their own country were welcome to do so before the end of April.

President Isabel Perón faces demands for greater labour participation in Government decisions

Argentine unions flex their muscles

From Jane Monahan
Buenos Aires, April 1

After months of being relegated to a back seat in politics, Argentina's trade union groups have challenged the Government's economic policy and called for greater labour participation in Government decisions.

They have also begun circulating privately a document which called for the resignation of Señor José Lopez Rega, the influential Minister of Social Welfare, and of the Minister of Economics.

Because of Señor Lopez Rega's close identification with President Isabel Perón, this is seen as tantamount to a call for a change in Government.

The union stand takes place amid increased police and security action against alleged subversive groups. Officials say these are involved in a plot to bring the heavy industrial belt north of the capital to a halt.

But so far no particular group been named in connexion with the plot and observers say the increasing police action may well be an attempt by the Government to assist rightist labour leaders, who are having trouble with their left-wing rank and file in the area. The security operation north of Buenos Aires has so far brought 150 detentions.

Once marginal and persecuted, Argentina's labour movement was turned into the richest and most powerful force of its kind in Latin America during General Perón's first spell of government from 1946 to 1955. Now, however, the demands of the powerful unions may prove to be the last straw breaking the Peronist Government's back.

Relations between the union leadership and the present Peronist Administration have been strained for some time. Central to this malaise has been the Minister of Social Welfare's rapid rise to power.

Once a man of little account, a police corporal with an interest in astrology, Señor Lopez Rega first gained a footing on the ladder of power when he became General Perón's private Secretary in the 1960s during the years of exile in Spain.

It was not, however, until Isabel Perón became President in July last year that Señor Lopez Rega emerged as the power behind the presidency.

His ascendancy seemed to infuriate union leaders. Considering themselves, quite correctly, to be the backbone of the Peronist movement, it seemed to them as if an outsider had usurped the power that they felt was their rightful heritage.

In a wider context labour dissent is also a reflection of the deep divisions of Argentine society. Of all Latin American republics, Argentina is perhaps best placed to foster stability. None the less, fragmentation continually hampers progress. Land owners are against industrialists, the military against civilians, poor against the rich, and immigrants against traditional families.

By the sheer strength of his personality General Perón managed to preserve a semblance of unity. By contrast the rapid accumulation of power in Señor Lopez Rega's hands has been accompanied by an equally rapid fragmentation of Peronist forces.

First the left was discarded and hundreds of leftist university lecturers and union leaders were dismissed or went into hiding. Their repression spread to the moderate wing of the movement, and now Señor Lopez Rega has problems at the other extreme.

The right-wing trade unionists have demanded his resignation, and the general feeling is that a showdown between labour and politicians in the Peronist movement cannot be averted.

In brief

Soyuz-Apollo mission test

Moscow, April 1.—The Soviet and American crews for the Soyuz-Apollo space flight, planned for July, have completed a nine-day joint simulation of the venture in the flight control centres of the two countries.

The cosmonauts and astronauts used the language of their counterparts in communicating during the exercise.

Hillarys cremated

Katmandu, April 1.—The bodies of the wife and daughter of Sir Edmund Hillary were cremated last night, hours after they died in the crash of a light aircraft.

The rice smugglers

Rangoon, April 1.—Foreigners and local officials have been found to be involved in an extensive rice smuggling operation between Burma and Bangladesh, uncovered in Akyab, a west coast port.

Dockers in charge

Valletta, April 1.—An eight-man council, directly elected by 5,000 dock workers, today took charge of running Malta's dry docks, the island's largest industry.

Golden eagles stolen

Zurich, April 1.—Thieves who stole a pair of golden eagles and two snowy owls from Zurich zoo at the weekend may have been part of an international syndicate specializing in animal thefts, a zoo spokesman said today.

Oil exploring rebuff

New York, April 1.—Argentina told the United Nations today that it would not recognize Britain's right to oil exploration off the Falkland islands.

Peaceful celebration

Moscow, April 1.—Moscow police tonight allowed more than a hundred Jews to celebrate in peace the last of three Passover services in the capital's only synagogue.

Warning for Bonn

Warsaw, April 1.—Poland today again warned West Germany that their relations could not be fully normalized until Bonn paid compensation for people disabled in Nazi concentration camps.

NCB chief's visit

Warsaw, April 1.—Mr Derek Ezra, chairman of Britain's National Coal Board, arrived in Warsaw today for a week's visit at the invitation of the Polish Ministry of Mining and Power.

Greece are told Army is 'combat ready'

From Our Correspondent
Athens, April 1

The Greek Government reassured Parliament tonight that the country's armed forces were combat-ready and capable of warding off a surprise attack. The declaration came at a time of increasing tension with Turkey over Cyprus, but mainly over the Aegean.

Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Defence Minister, spoke at a debate on a draft law enabling him to reinstate military officers ousted by the dictatorship. He said about 100 officers would return and take over key positions in the Army.

"I can reassure you that we can sleep in peace in every way", he said. "The army is combat-ready at any moment, even in case of a surprise attack. The armed forces are truly in a position to defend the integrity of the country in a very satisfactory manner, in a manner, I should say, worthy of their history."

The Defence Minister was reporting on the state of the armed forces for the first time since last month's purge of 75 general officers responsible for supporting the dictatorship.

New Saudi ruler pledges to follow his late brother's policies and keeps his chief adviser

From Paul Martin
Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's great family concern, which founded the kingdom and has ruled it ever since, has passed its first test. It has filled the throne left vacant by the assassination of King Faisal, and has sought to ease internal strains by plugging the gaps left in the Council of Ministers.

Clearly King Khalid is the rightful successor and his accession satisfies the many factions of the royal family. But the post that has become the focus of attention is that of the man behind the throne.

In the reign of King Faisal, the two principal contenders were the present crown prince Fahd, the Minister of the Interior and co-architect with King Faisal of the kingdom's oil and foreign policy, and Prince Abdullah, the commander of the National Guard. As events unfolded after the king's death, it was Prince Fahd who appeared as the uncontested candidate.

The prince has been appointed first deputy prime minister in the new Cabinet and retains the Interior Ministry portfolio. But the Cabinet list announced at the weekend has also put Prince Abdullah a notch ahead of other members of the royal family, making him deputy premier and officially third in line.

What is significant about this is that Prince Fahd is one of the so-called Sudeiry seven—the sons of King Abdul-Aziz by his powerful Sudeiry wife. They have played a commanding role in contemporary Saudi politics and were said to have been prominent in the family's decision to ease out the profligate King Saud, replacing him with King Faisal.

On the death of King Faisal, the Sudeirys were in the ascendency. Apart from Prince Fahd, his brother Prince Sultan was Minister of Defence and the others held key positions in the kingdom's administration. As King Khalid greeted foreign guests who came to offer condolences at King Faisal's funeral, the Sudeiry members were always at his side.

As Minister of Interior, Prince Fahd has an intimate knowledge of the kingdom's political make up. He has also cultivated relations with the intelligentsia, realizing that it is from this group that the most insistent demands for radical change are likely to come. His statesman's stature has been enhanced by the fact that he has travelled widely.

Prince Abdullah, on the other hand, is the most powerful of those in the Abdul-Aziz family who form a sort of opposition block to the Sudeirys. Although prominent in King Faisal's cabinet, he has not had the same degree of exposure of Prince Fahd.

His National Guard is the force in the kingdom raised as a counter balance to the Army. Now more than 30,000 strong, it is being expanded to 40,000 and is armed with the most modern equipment.

Since his force is a mosaic of the country's tribal forces he can boast a grass roots following unmatched even by the popular new king.

Despite the evidence of palace in-fighting, there does appear to be a clear determination on the part of the new leadership to continue the kingdom's policies as outlined by the late king. For instance, Mr Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the Minister of Petroleum, retains his post, and Prince Faisal, one of the late king's sons, has been made Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, filling the gap left by the death of Mr Omar Saqqaf.

King Khalid retains the traditional post of Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. However, as was the case under King Faisal, both these roles will effectively be carried out by Prince Fahd.

As the new King told Vice-President Rockefeller, who came to Saudi Arabia for King Faisal's funeral, the only politics he knew were those taught him by his late brother.

As well as making it clear that the policies of King Faisal will be followed faithfully, King Khalid has also pledged to push ahead with plans already afoot to set up a *shawra* (consultative council). The object of the proposed body of 60 members would be to cast a collective eye on draft laws.

This, and other gradual reforms, like decentralization of the administration, were set in motion under the late King. The personal nature of his rule robbed them of their urgency. The fact that King Khalid has seen fit to declare his intention to push ahead with this programme now, suggests that the tendency at the top is towards a more collective form of leadership.

Three sentenced to death in Seoul spy trial

Seoul, April 1.—The criminal district court in Seoul today sentenced to death a former leader of a Korean residents' group in Japan and two businessmen for spying for North Korea.

Twelve other persons were jailed for terms ranging from two to 10 years for being involved in a spy ring led by Chin Tu Hyun, a former vice-president of the Tokyo branch of Mindan, the residents' group which supports South Korea.

The men were arrested in October when Mr Chin came to South Korea from Japan. The prosecution alleged that Mr Chin had visited North Korea to receive spy instructions and arranged for South Korean dissidents to receive secret training in Japan in organizing anti-Government campaigns.

Mr Chin and the two businessmen were also accused of planting spies in trade unions in military industries, and of gathering military information.

Another 10 men were handed over to the prosecution today in connexion with alleged spy offences, according to the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

The agency said that a North Korean spy ring of eight men had operated in Seoul for seven years, instigating anti-Government campaigns by students and opposition politicians, until they were arrested in February. The alleged ringleader had been resident in Japan and received his training in North Korea.

Riot police fired tear gas for the second day running today to break up a protest march by stone-throwing students.

About 500 students of Yonsei University in Seoul held a campus rally to denounce alleged official corruption and rule by "terror and secret police".

Some 200 of them marched a few hundred yards out of the campus but withdrew when they met tear gas sprayed by riot police.—Reuter.

Death sentence

Dar es Salaam, April 1.—Four men have been sentenced to death in Zanzibar after pleading guilty to attempting to smuggle cloves off the island.

10 years for a 'smoke'

Lagos, April 1.—A 20-year-old Nigerian girl, Biola Akerele, has been jailed for 10 years for possessing a half-smoked marijuana cigarette.

SPORT

Football

Rioch scores twice and takes a tired Derby nearer title

By Gerry Harrison

Derby County 2 Manchester City 1

Two sharp goals from Rioch were only just enough to keep Derby County on their exciting course towards the top of the first division last night. Their third victory in three Easter games, in which they scored 12 goals, elevated them to joint leadership and certainly added a few more supporters, over and above the majority of the Baseball Ground crowd of 32,966, of their manager's view that they will win the championship.

Yet Manchester City, never at their happiest away from Maine Road, ran them close here, particularly in the closing stages as the effect of three games in four days told on Derby. Bell scored a fine goal himself seven minutes from the end and before and after that Derby had spent an anxious time repelling their raids. At their best, however, they looked the better side and potentially were the leaders when the final bell was rung.

Early errors came close to opening the tight defensive doors. A bad punch by Boulton looped towards his goal for Thomas to clear; Booth's miscontrol let Hector in and Corrigan had to make a swift snatch. Within 15 minutes Gemmill was already well ahead on points for the man of the match award, aggressive, inventive and willing. When he went past Bell in the corner of the penalty area in the twenty-seventh minute, Davies met his centre cleanly but headed on to the post from six yards and Nish volleyed the rebound inches over the bar. Corrigan had already had to dive bravely at Hector's feet.



Roger Davies, the Derby County centre forward, beats Royle to head against an upright.

Marsh's trickery was all City had to say for themselves until tempers suddenly flared on the half-hour, sparked more than a little by a couple of tackles by Marsh on Nish. Having failed to single out the bad boys early on the referee, Mr Kew, was forced to resort to the good book. Hartford, Rioch and Davies were cautioned before half-time, Gemmill after the break.

Derby opened the scoring at a point when their persistent push forward had been slowed to a crawl, the irritation and violence had destroyed the flow of the game and Tueart and Marsh were piecing a pattern or two together. A minute from half-time Nish, at the second attempt, passed forward to Hector, running wide in the penalty area, for his cross to be met gratefully by Rioch's diving header.

Eight minutes into the second half, after City seemed to be dominating through some powerful attacks led by Bell and Doyle, Rioch struck again with a splendid goal, his side's first attack of the half. The lanky Davies dribbled into a cul-de-sac, turned the ball back in front of Rioch, whose cleanly struck left foot shot from five yards outside the penalty area streaked inside Corrigan's right-hand post. It was their one moment of distinction in a second half which slowly and tantalisingly swung away from Gemmill, Rioch and Powell into the hands of Bell and company.

Ten minutes from the end a superb tackle by Thomas foiled Bell as he shaped for the kill. Then a remarkable scissors kick by Marsh from the resultant corner was cleared off the line by Thomas again. But three minutes later Bell received from Marsh and drove powerfully past Boulton's left hand. A fine goal, but not enough to halt Derby's relentless run in.

Derby County's manager, David Mackay, said afterwards: "We didn't play at all in the second half but the players were certainly very tired. I think the crowd were expecting another five goals from us but one more than the opposition would have suited me although I was a bit worried in the last 10 minutes."

The Manchester City manager, Tony Book, said: "If we had played like this in all our away matches this season the picture at the top of the table might have been very different. We were tremendous but good luck to Derby who are a fine footballing side."

DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulton; R. Thomas, D. Nish, B. Rioch, P. Daniel, C. Todd, S. Powell, A. Gemmill, R. Davies, K. Hector, A. Hinton.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; G. Hammond, W. Donachie, M. Doyle, T. Booth, A. Oakes, A. Hartford, C. Bell, R. Marsh, J. Royle, D. Tueart.

Referee: G. Kew (Amersham).

Ipswich find a way to overcome the strain

By Michael Archer

Ipswich 3 Birmingham City 2

Cynics and rivals who expected the mental and physical strain of playing seven vital Cup and League games in two weeks to take its toll of Ipswich Town were totally disarmed by an inspired performance from Bobby Robson's brave and inventive side.

Ipswich, without their goalkeeper Sivell, leading scorer Johnson and defender Burley, faced a Birmingham side with even bigger injury problems (five regular players missing) and also with a Cup semi-final on Saturday on their minds. But Birmingham, with their reserve team coach, Michael Kelly, having his first senior game in goal in two years were in no mood to be slaughtered to provide an East Anglian holiday for 27,000 passionate Portman Road supporters.

Ipswich, with Collard playing unfamiliarly at full back and Talbot back to strengthen the midfield, made all the early running. In the twelfth minute Kelly did well to parry a shot by Hamilton after Whymark had broken from midfield. But suddenly the Ipswich roars were silenced in the twenteeth minute when Emmanuel crossed deep from the left touchline and Birmingham's big Scottish centre forward Burns rose to head a magnificent goal.

Ipswich now thrust that commanding central defender, Beattie, forward for every menacing dead ball situation and Kelly did well to survive under heavy fire. But the Ipswich breakthrough did not come until the final seconds of the half and it took Collard, with an unbelievable first goal of the season, to do it. It was a near carbon copy of Woods's brilliant winner against Leeds on Thursday—a cracking shot from 25 yards across the box and into the top corner.

Again Ipswich had found a perfect psychological moment to score, and with this impetus drove forward from the restart—exposed just occasionally by the bustle of Burns and the pace of Hendrie on the right. In the 55th minute Ipswich went ahead. Talbot found Lambert on the left; he jinked past two defenders and Woods finished off his cross with a well-placed header. Minutes later, Woods was only inches wide with another fine header. But any doubts about the outcome were dispelled in the 65th minute when Woods dummied himself enough room to cross from the by-line and Lambert's header, although scooped out off a post by Kelly, was judged to have crossed the line.

All credit to Birmingham, who, far from sagging, made Ipswich go all the way, by pulling it back to 3-2 14 minutes from time. Burns again rose majestically to Hendrie's right wing free kick and although his header hit the bar Hatton swivelled in the crowded box to plant the rebound in the far corner of the net.

So Ipswich prepare for their semi-final against West Ham on top of the first division and with all East Anglia believing that the Cup and League double is possible. In the light of their new found resilience away from home and the self-belief which stamped all they did, who can doubt this—outside Derby, and Liverpool, that is. For Birmingham, the injury table holds many of the keys to their semi-final fate, but with this sort of character and spirit Wembley, for them, is not such a vast stride away.

IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper; M. Mills, I. Collard, B. Talbot, A. Hunter, K. Beattie, B. Hamilton, C. Viljoen, C. Woods, T. Whymark, M. Lambert (sub, E. Gates).

BIRMINGHAM: M. Kelly; J. Calderwood, S. Bryant, M. Page, J. Gallagher, G. Pendrey, P. Hendrie, R. Morton, K. Burns, R. Hatton, G. Emmanuel.

Referee: Mr H. Davey (Nottinghamshire).

Garland's late goals put Leicester at ease

By Norman de Mesquita

Leicester C 3 West Ham U 0

Leicester's largest league crowd of the season left Filbert Street happy last night after they had seen their team beat a much depleted West Ham United and move into 18th place. But they left it late, and until Garland scored two goals in a minute in the closing stages, there was always a chance that West Ham would filch an equalizer.

Not surprisingly, Leicester showed more determination than West Ham. The game did, after all, mean more to them and, without Bonds, Lampard, Robson, Jennings and Paddon, West Ham had an unfamiliar look. It was Leicester's determination that eventually saw them home in a game that was littered with unforced errors and in which neither side seemed able to put their game together.

The only goal of the first half came from the penalty spot. Garland was fouled on the edge of the goal area, the ball trickled into the net, but the referee had already blown his whistle and Worthington obliged with his 15th league goal of the season.

Seven minutes later, he should have made it 16 when the ball came to him, unmarked, only 10 yards out, but he shot high and wide. At the half hour, a fierce, swerving shot by Sammels hit the post and, just on half time, a Lee-Weller one-two ended with the last named forcing Day to a fine, diving save.

West Ham's attacks were few and far between, but a drop-kick by Day deceived Blockley and Cross had to come to the rescue as Gould lobbed the ball over Wallington. Wallington made a timely interception when a Brooking chip was heading for the onrushing West Ham forwards, and then Whitworth robbed Gould when he looked likely to score.

But, the first half belonged to Leicester and they started the second half in similar vein. Once again, though, weak finishing denied them further goals. Eventually, the goals came, and they took Garland's tally to six in five games. It is ironic that these goals have helped to take his new club above his old club, Chelsea, on goal average. It must surely keep Leicester in the first division and ensure that either Tottenham or Chelsea will accompany Luton and Carlisle into the second division.

Any Ipswich spies at Filbert Street last night will have had a wasted journey because the West Ham team at Villa Park on Saturday will surely show several changes. The happiest aspect of the game for West Ham was that they avoided any further injuries.

LEICESTER CITY: M. Wallington; S. Whitworth, D. Rofe, B. Lee, J. Blockley, G. Cross, K. Weller, J. Sammels, F. Worthington (sub L. Glover), A. Birchenall, C. Garland.

WEST HAM UNITED: M. Day; J. McDowell, K. Coleman, A. Wooler, T. Taylor, K. Lock, C. Best, P. Holland, A. Taylor, T. Brooking, B. Gould.

Referee: K. McNally (Ellesmere Port).

Goal that silenced the Sheffield crowd

By Keith Macklin

Sheffield Utd 1 Leeds Utd 1

There is no need for a referendum to establish the enthusiasm for European entry in Sheffield. The relief on the face of the Sheffield manager, Ken Furphy, and the incredulous glee of the Bramall Lane crowd told the story of a game snatched from defeat by a totally unexpected and undeserved last seconds equalizer.

In the presence of the England team manager, Don Revie, Leeds fielded a side shorn of Clarke, Giles, McQueen, Reaney and Jordan, and containing youngsters Stevenson, Liddell and the substitute Hampton. Yet such is the strength in depth of Jimmy Armfield's battle-hardened party that Leeds were able to mount a composed and skilled display that for most of the game reduced the Sheffield side to the role of spectators.

Before a crowd of 38,442, much the largest of the Bramall Lane season, Sheffield took calculated risks in playing Colquhoun with a badly bruised toe, and Flynn nursing a cut head. The risks almost proved gallant failures, only the remarkable last-minute goal saving Sheffield from a defeat which seemed certain for 89 of the 90 minutes.

Leeds were ahead in 16 minutes with a goal that emphasized the weariness of the Sheffield defence and, in particular, the handicap under which Colquhoun was playing at the heart of the defence. A corner from the right was headed down and up into the net by the unchallenged Madeley while the Sheffield rearguard stood like statues.

Although Frank Gray was booked, Leeds were playing with swaggering confidence and Lorimer hit a shell from 35 yards which clipped Brown's fingers and the bar at frightening velocity. Eddy was booked for taking the legs from under Bremner, and Sheffield struggled until Currie, with casual deceptiveness, a trademark of his, unleashed a 30 yard shot which tested both the height and speed of reaction of Stewart.

The hobbling Colquhoun was replaced after halftime by Cammack and Sheffield reshuffled their side. However, the skills of Leeds continued to win the grudging admiration of the home supporters and McKenzie showed typical sleight of foot to mesmerise three defenders before stretching Brown.

In the last quarter of an hour it seemed that Leeds were putting the game quietly to bed with the orderly efficiency of a Victorian nanny tucking in her charges. Then, with seconds to go an advertising company set off a firework display on one side of the ground. Whether the noise disturbed the composure of the Leeds side, or whether defenders were asphyxiated by the smoke, Bradford's hopeful cross came to Cammack whose left foot shot hit the roof of the net. The Sheffield crowd had a moment of disbelieving silence, then the full realization of what had happened brought a huge roar, compounded as much of relief as of delight.

While this late goal gives Sheffield a finger-hold on a European place, the loss of a point must have been disappointing to Leeds, who, if they do not win the European Cup might now find themselves with only bread and butter competitions next season.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: J. Brown; L. Badger, E. Colquhoun (sub, S. Cammack), J. Flynn, D. Bradford, M. Speight, K. Eddy, A. Currie, A. Woodward, W. Dearden, A. Field.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Stewart; B. Stevenson, P. Madeley, N. Hunter, F. Gray, W. Bremner, G. Liddell, T. Yorath, P. Lorimer, D. McKenzie, E. Gray.

Referee: R. Matthewson (Bolton).

Remaining matches

Top seven

Burnley: Home: Tottenham, Stoke. Away: Everton, Manchester City.

Derby County: Home: West Ham, Carlisle, Wolverhampton. Away: Middlesbrough, Leicester.

Everton: Home: Burnley, Sheffield United. Away: Newcastle, Chelsea, Luton.

Ipswich Town: Home: Queen's Park Rangers, West Ham. Away: Manchester City, Leeds.

Liverpool: Home: Carlisle, Queen's Park Rangers. Away: Leeds, Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough: Home: Derby, Liverpool. Away: Wolverhampton, Coventry, Leicester.

Stoke City: Home: Chelsea, Newcastle. Away: Sheffield United, Burnley.

Bottom six

Arsenal: Home: Coventry, Leeds, Tottenham. Away: Queen's Park Rangers, Newcastle, West Ham.

Carlisle United: Home: Coventry, Wolverhampton. Away: Liverpool, Derby.

Chelsea: Home: Manchester City, Sheffield United. Everton. Away: Stoke, Tottenham.

Leicester City: Home: Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Derby. Away: Luton, Sheffield United.

Luton Town: Home: Everton, Leicester, Manchester City. Away: Tottenham, Birmingham.

Tottenham Hotspur: Home: Luton, Chelsea, Leeds. Away: Burnley, Arsenal.

Play-off rejected

Madrid, April 1.—Atlético Madrid, who lost 1—0 in the first leg, have rejected a play-off match against Independiente, of Argentina, if the two clubs are level after the second leg of the inter-continental football cup final here on April 10, the Independiente president, Oscar Sobral, said today. Atlético insist on adhering to the ruling that the final be decided on penalties in the event of a draw after extra time.—Reuter.

Wednesday down

Sheffield Wednesday are definitely down from the second division. A 57th minute penalty by Lyall gave Nottingham Forest a 1—0 victory and made certain that Wednesday would play third division football next season. In the third division, Blackburn Rovers kept going at the top with a 1—1 draw at Halifax, but third placed Charlton slipped by losing 2—0 at Swindon.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have several injury problems as they prepare for Saturday's visit to Queen's Park Rangers. Bailey, Palmer and Richards are all likely to be out

Rugby Union

Barbarians score nine tries for rousing climax to Easter tour

By Peter West

Rugby Correspondent

Newport 9 Barbarians 46

The Barbarians brought their Easter tour of Wales to a stirring conclusion at Rodney Parade yesterday, running in no fewer than nine tries against Newport. In the course of a fast and fluid contest, remarkably free of penalties, they played some football handsomely in tune with their loftiest ideals. The Barbarians won by five goals and four tries to a goal and a penalty goal.

The final tally would have looked even worse to the home team if Bennett had not had a day with his goal-kicking when all the difficult ones were popped over with a minimum of fuss and some of the less testing ones were just missed. It was none the less an unkind scoreline for Newport in the sense that their own errors presented Barbarians with three of the tries.

Barbarians struck such form in dazzling spurts that they needed no such prodigal aid. Although their forwards hardly won a line-out ball in the first half, they scrummaged so effectively and won such good possession from the loose that the side was able to seal the game with a purple patch which brought three tries in less than 10 minutes.

Wheel had one of his most strenuously effective afternoons at the maul, Biggar, playing his third game in four days, was tirelessly strong and constructive, Trickey had an unusually productive time in the open and everyone contributed his part. At half back Brynmor Williams, his workrate unceasing, unselfishly plied his backs, Bennett supplied subtle and versatile touches to spark off every kind of attack and the three-quarters, more noted perhaps for strength than finesse, demonstrated how swift and accurate passing can open up the field. The hungry Richards behind them was just the man to prompt their best endeavours.

A persistent Newport side contributed in full measure to the spirit of the occasion, and with any luck they might have scored a couple of tries in a spirited recovery near the end. They have a remarkably elusive, dummying runner in the young, frail looking stand-off Wilson, but as yet he looks tactically immature. Jeffery set his side a fine example at No 8, Burcher supplied punch in the centre and the big full back, Fuller, needed some stopping when he moved into the line. But the distribution and finishing lacked polish.

Fuller must have put a foot into touch just before he thundered over the line in a promising Newport beginning. Broderick was then caught offside at a maul, and Morgan thumped over a 40 yards penalty—the last piece of Newport joy for some while.

A long pass by Bennett, a perfectly timed one by Kent and a burst by Dick set up the scrummage from which a loose forward thrust went astray. It mattered little, for Wilson's clearing kick was charged down and Bennett snapped up the loose ball to flash over for a try on the short side. He converted it himself from a long way out.

When Biggar set up a maul from a scrummage, Wheel fed back and the lock, Trickey, somehow contrived to appear outside his half backs to link with Squires. That dashing, splendid footballer sped through the eye of a needle for try number two. The third, scored almost at once, seemed like the knockout punch.

Barbarians spun the ball down their line from one of several strikes against the head, Dick veered inside through one tackle and when confronted by another, gave an inside scoring pass to Spencer. The conversion by Bennett made the score look ominous and Newport's prospects were not improved when Dick intercepted a pass from Burcher to gallop clear from 65 yards. That made it 20-3 at half-time, with Newport yielding some ground in the tight and the Barbarians now seizing the chance to indulge themselves.

Newport, however, resumed as they had started, Jeffery picking up to score after a prolonged and hearty scrummage heave. Morgan's goal kick reduced the leeway to 20-9.

Now two more Barbarian tries, the first springing from an attack up the left, a successful ruck and a switch the other way. Jenkins appeared in the centre and the burly Dick cruised through a thin spreadeagled defence with two men spare outside him.

Another Newport mistake set up try number six. Spencer seized upon a bad pass by Evans to set off on a long charge down the middle. Eventually, Wilson nabbed him from behind, but the ball went loose and Trickey was there again to pick up and score.

Barbarians then gilded the lily with a movement involving 18 pairs of hands, sundry mauls and three scissors, the last of which, between Kent and Richards, produced a sumptuous try for the full back and another sumptuous kick by Bennett from an unlikely angle.

Newport came back at them, Martin being within a whisker of a touchdown following a weaving run by Wilson. Gareth Evans and Fuller both went mighty close. But the Barbarians counter-punched twice more. Twice they ran across the face of their own goal. On the second occasion Kent's inside pass put Spencer clean away from 70 yards and there was no catching him this time. Finally Dick "scissored" powerfully through the middle, that man Trickey was there again to feed Jenkins on a productive arcing run for the line. Bennett converted the last two tries.

That strong, direct runner, Kent, has reacted well to the stimulus of playing in this company. Spencer always performs famously for the Barbarians and on his Easter form, year in year out, it is hard to understand how he cannot even get into his county side.

NEWPORT: G. Fuller; G. Evans, D. Burcher, C. Jenkins, J. Martin; D. Wilson, A. Evans; J. Dale, D. Ford, R. Morgan, A. Mogridge, J. Watkins, B. Lease, J. Jeffery, K. Rowlands.

BARBARIANS: G. Richards (Wasps); P. J. Squires (Harrogate and England), J. S. Spencer (Headingley and England), C. P. Kent (Oxford Univ), L. G. Dick (Jordanhill and Scotland); W. N. Bennett (Bedford and England), B. Williams (Cardiff); J. M. Broderick (Coventry and England), G. Davies (Cardiff), F. McLoughlin (Northern and Ireland), G. Wheel (Swansea and Wales), A. R. Trickey (Sale), D. Robinson (Gosforth), R. W. Jenkins (Llanelli), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish and Scotland).

Referee: C. Thomas (Cardiff).

England pack make sure of triple crown

Scottish Schoolboys 11 English Schoolboys 23

England took the triple crown of the schools internationals at Hughenden last night when they followed victories over Wales and Ireland with success against Scotland by a goal, two tries, a dropped goal and two penalty goals to two tries and a penalty goal. Each side dominated the half in which they played downwind, but England's weight advantage forward became more and more significant as the second half went on. They won maul after maul in the closing stages and only selfless Scottish defence prevented further scores.

At the start England's heavy forwards drove forward in scrum and ruck almost as if unopposed and after only two minutes a Scot, trying to redress the balance, was penalized in a ruck 30 yards out from the home posts and Thomas kicked the goal.

But only five minutes later the Scots were ahead. A passing movement from loose possession at halfway released Ashton who ran brilliantly for a try in the corner. He had another dangerous dash shortly afterwards, and then seemed certain to score again when he cross-kicked to the other wing, Wiseman, and got across in time to take the inside pass. Unfortunately for Scotland he knocked on with the line exposed.

By now Scotland were employing the device recently employed by the Barbarians of putting down only their front row for scrums at which England had the put in.

With 20 minutes gone England were penalized for killing a ruck just inside the Scottish half and Irvine, kicking downwind, got the distance of more than 55 yards and was just outside the left hand post. Four minutes later obstruction on Wiseman gave the left-footed Scott a much easier chance but his kick was hooked.

Only a minute later, however, Scott caught his own kick ahead and a couple of passes let Wiseman cut in for a try. Irvine's kick hit a post. But with a minute of the first half to go he made it 11—3 with a penalty goal when England obstructed. But Perry cut the margin with a try when Jeavons picked up from the scrummage and a ruck heel let England pass all across the Scottish 25.

England started much more aggressively with the wind behind them. Only a fine double tackle by Ashton and Irvine stopped Stanland at the corner. Five minutes into the half Ralston dropped a goal from 35 yards and immediately afterwards only an awkward bounce prevented Perry from going in at the post from his own kick ahead.

The Scots were now under fierce pressure but tackled and marked magnificently. Wrack was carried off after a hard tackle in 47 minutes and D. J. Reed (King Henry VII School) came on as a substitute. Wrack was later taken to hospital with a broken leg.

An unbelievable run by Rose, who completed a circle in the Scottish 25, made the chance for a try wide out by Stanland. This time it was Thomas who had the misfortune to see his kick come back off a post. Stanland then took a knock when he could only slow down the hurtling Ashton. The cover held and England at once survived a blindside thrust by Thomson.

Hurst, who has been in excellent form at scrum half for Scotland, was then brought down by a head high tackle. He soldiered on only to have an eye injured behind the next line-out. Instantly he frustrated an attempted pushover by England but Stanland took Thomas's pass above his head on the blindside and scored and Thomas converted from near touch. As the match entered stoppage time Thomas kicked his second penalty goal, but Ashton launched one more Scottish attack which ended with John Calder being held in the corner.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS: A. J. Croll (Robert Gordons College); D. M. Ashton (Prestwick HS), S. A. Webster (Loretto), S. R. Irvine (Robert Gordons College), J. Wiseman (Rubislaw Academy); S. H. Scott (Stewart's Melville), M. J. T. Hurst (Trinity Academy, captain); N. C. Murray (Galashiels Academy), J. G. Runciman (Galashiels Academy), G. A. Fotheringham (Morrisons Academy), G. B. Brown (Dunfermline HS), G. Davidson (Lenzie Academy), A. Thomson (Galashiels Academy), J. H. Calder (Stewarts Melville College), F. Calder (Stewarts Melville College).

ENGLISH SCHOOLS: W. M. H. Rose (Loughborough GS); S. Perry (Woodroffe School), R. N. Wrack (De La Salle College), M. K. Fosh (Harrow School), A. C. Stanland (Leeds GS); C. R. Ralston (Workington GS), S. P. Thomas (Dunsmore School, captain); R. J. Doubleday (Belmont Abbey), D. A. Craig (Bradford GS), T. P. Enevoldson (Newcastle RGS), P. D. Jackson (Stockport GS), D. Shenhard (Calder HS), D. Pollefri (St Brendans), N. C. Jeavons (Wolverhampton GS), T. J. Allchurch (Abbey HS).

Referee: M. F. Pingon (France).

The friendships made by Frank Laidlaw on two rugby tours of New Zealand are reflected in the gathering of British Lions who will take part at Melrose on Monday (5.30) in a match between the Melrose President's team and the Co-Optimists in aid of muscular dystrophy research.

The President's team will be an all-Lions side for which final acceptances have already been received from John Williams, Gerald Davies, Phil Bennett, and Gareth Edwards (Wales), Mike Gibson (Ireland) and Sandy Carmichael (Scotland).

The Co-Optimists, who will field an all-Scottish side, are already assured of the appearance of McLauchlan, the national captain.

Four England players against Durham

By Peter West

Four England international rugby players, Dixon, Warfield, Rossborough and Knight, are included in an Old Palatinates team to play their former university, Durham, as part of the club's centenary celebrations on April 26. Rossborough, however, will have to withdraw from the side if Coventry reach the national knockout competition final at Twickenham on the same day.

The team emphasises the contribution of Durham to senior rugby in recent years. Two England trials players, Cowell, who toured South Africa with England, and Pringle, are also in the team. McKenzie has had a Scottish trial. Wood and Roberts have played for England under-23. The following 16 players have accepted nomination:

P. A. Rossborough (Coventry and England), P. M. Knight (Bristol and England), J. L. Regan (Cardiff), P. J. Warfield (Cambridge University, Rosslyn Park and England), G. E. Wood (Cambridge University and Harlequins), R. C. Williams (Blackheath), D. J. Davies (Penarth), M. R. McKenzie (Cambridge University and Bristol), B. Raine (Edinburgh Wanderers), G. W. Buttle (Hartlepool Rovers), T. Roberts (Gosforth), A. Sumner (Wakefield), T. A. T. Cowell (Rugby), I. N. Pringle (Moseley), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth and England). Reserves: E. P. J. Littlechild (Oxford University and Fylde), A. Boardman (Fylde), R. Hesford (Wasps), A. Newton (Gosforth), N. T. Holmes (Durham City).

Dawes, the British Lions captain and centre, and present coach of the Welsh team, has been named to play as hooker in the Voyagers team appearing in the Sevenoaks seven-a-side tournament next Sunday. His props will be the Welsh international, Shaw, of Neath, and Williams, the long-serving member of London Welsh. Two English international players, Wardlow and Plummer, are included in the backs, with Gittings, of Coventry, at scrum half.

The holders, London Welsh, have nominated their international full back, John Williams, to play as a prop. Callum, the young flanker chosen by England for the Australian tour, is probably going to play for Upper Clapton.

FIRST ROUND DRAW: Blackheath v Maidstone; Woodford v Southend; Sidcup v Voyagers; Tonbridge v Upper Clapton; Metropolitan Police v Sevenoaks; Richmond v St Luke's; Scottish Exiles v Streatham/Croydon; Gravesend v London Welsh.

Morpeth keep the same side

Bedford's captain, Rogers, is doubtful for the Rugby Union knock-out competition semi final match against Coventry, the holders, at Bedford on Saturday. He damaged a shoulder against Blackheath a week ago and missed the Easter holiday matches in an effort to get fit. He is seeing a specialist today and hopes to play, but he may require an injection.

Also doubtful is Wyatt, the winger, who spent last week in hospital for an operation on his nose. He suffers from catarrh and hopes the operation will clear it up.

Coventry, who are unbeaten in the four years of the competition, were selecting their team last night and changes were expected. Former England captain, Cotton, will be away on holiday but two other English internationals, Duckham and Preece, who did not play over the weekend will be available.

When the two sides met at Bedford in November, Coventry won a close game 19—16.

Rosslyn Park will have full back Codd in their side for the other semi-final match at Morpeth. He has been in Canada with a schools touring side but will return during the week.

Park have to make two changes to the side that beat Moseley in the quarter-final round. Warfield is unavailable so Saville takes over in the centre and Pope, who has strained ligaments, is replaced by Link in the back row.

Morpeth will rely on the team who beat Bath in the quarter-final round. This means that May, who came in as hooker for that game because Leithhead had meningitis, retains his place.

Steele, the British Lions and Scottish international winger, captains the Combined Services against Public School Wanderers at London Irish's ground at Sunbury tonight (6.15). The match has been switched from Rosslyn Park, where the pitch is unfit. Robertson, the former Scotland centre and stand-off leads Public School Wanderers.

BEDFORD: A. Jorden; D. Wyatt, R. Chadwick, J. Howard, R. Demming; N. Bennett, A. Lewis; C. Ballward, N. Barker, B. Keen, R. Wilkinson, C. Hooker, A. Hollins, F. Edwards, D. Rogers. Replacements: S. Wells, P. Evans, A. Johnson, D. Jackson, C. Davies.

MORPETH: B. Keenleyside; K. Fraser, W. Casey, A. MacMillan, R. Thornton; W. Hewitt, I. Blakey; M. Stoney, I. May, J. Dirom, B. Garnett, C. Ferguson, D. Learmouth, I. Pringle, D. Pringle.

ROSSLYN PARK: R. Codd; R. Fisher, C. D. Saville, M. Bazalgette, D. J. McKay; P. Treseder, L. E. Weston; R. L. Barlow, P. Keith Roach, N. P. Hinton, A. K. Rodgers, N. Mantell, P. G. Anderson, A. G. Ripley, G. Link.

Madson and Ashton fit to tour in May

Duncan Madsen, the Gosforth and Scotland hooker, who sustained a rib injury when playing for the Barbarians against Cardiff last Saturday, is likely to be out of the game for some weeks. But there is no fracture and he expects to be fit again in time for Scotland's short tour of New Zealand in May and June.

Another Barbarian casualty, Brian Ashton, the Orrell scrum half, who also injured his ribs on the Easter tour—in the first game against Penarth—expects to be fit again quite soon. There is no danger of him missing England's tour to Australia.

Another Scottish international, the centre David Bell, became a third member of the Barbarians' party to suffer much the same injury when he twisted muscles in the rib cage in the Swansea game on Monday. He seems unlikely to be fit again for a week or two.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester hooker, who suffered a nasty neck injury in the England-Wales international, came through two hard Barbarian matches without ill effect and is now fully confident about his return to complete fitness. He has now played four times since his return to the game. Wheeler sustained his injury in the opening minutes of the Welsh international and suffered a good deal of pain, without being able to contribute much at close quarters, before going off at half-time. Because of that injury, he was not considered by the England selectors for the tour of Australia. His swift recovery makes their decision seem premature.

Welsh call in James

London Welsh will be without their international full back, John Williams, for their game against Swansea at Old Deer Park on Saturday because he is on hospital duty. Gareth James takes his place.

Yesterday's results and tables

First division

Carlisle (2) 4 — O'Neill, Laidlaw 2 (1 pen), Train; Burnley (1) 2 — Parker, James (12,795)

Derby C (1) 2 — Rioch (2) 32,966; Manchester C (0) 1 — Bell

Ipswich T (1) 3 — Collard, Woods, Lambert; Birmingham (1) 2 — Burns, Hatton (27,401)

Leicester C (1) 3 — Garland (2), Worthington; West Ham U (0) 0 (30,408)

Sheffield U (0) 1 — Cammack (38,442); Leeds Utd (1) 1 — Madeley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	38	21	4	13	58	39	46
Everton	37	13	16	8	50	35	42
Derby Co	37	19	8	10	61	48	46
Liverpool	38	17	11	10	55	37	45
Stoke	38	16	13	9	61	46	45
Middlesbrough	37	16	11	10	50	36	43
Burnley	38	16	9	13	61	62	41
Sheffield Utd	37	15	11	11	48	48	41
Leeds Utd	37	13	13	11	50	40	40
Manchester C	38	16	8	14	49	52	40
QP Rangers	38	15	9	14	50	49	39
West Ham	38	12	13	13	55	50	37
Wolverhampton	37	13	10	14	54	49	36
Newcastle	37	14	8	15	55	64	36
Birmingham	38	13	8	17	50	55	34
Coventry	37	10	14	13	48	57	34
Arsenal	36	11	10	15	42	43	32
Leicester	37	10	11	16	41	53	31
Chelsea	37	9	13	15	40	64	31
Tottenham	37	10	8	19	42	56	28
Luton	37	8	10	19	36	60	26
Carlisle	38	11	3	24	42	57	25

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 3, Stourbridge 0; Kettering 0, Nuneaton 0; Telford United 1, Burton 0. First division: AP Leamington 0, Enderby 0 (abandoned after 6 minutes, floodlight failure); Bromsgrove 3, Worcester 3; Cheltenham 2, Merthyr Tydfil 3; Kidderminster 1, Redditch 2; King's Lynn 1, Corby 1.

Second division

Bristol C (0) 1 — Sweeney (28,953); Bristol R (1) 1 — Collier (og)

Millwall (1) 1 — Burnett (13,110); Aston Villa (1) 3 — Hamilton (pen), Leonard, Little

Notts F (0) 1 — Lyall (pen); Sheffield W (0) 0 (14,077)

York City (0) 0 (8,254); Blackpool (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester U	38	25	8	5	58	28	58
Sunderland	38	17	13	8	61	33	47
Aston Villa	36	19	8	9	59	31	46
Blackpool	38	14	16	8	36	23	44
Bristol City	37	18	8	11	42	27	44
Norwich	36	16	12	8	47	32	44
Fulham	38	13	14	11	41	35	40
Hull	38	13	13	12	37	51	39
Oxford	38	14	10	14	38	48	38
W Bromwich	36	14	9	13	42	36	37
Southampton	37	13	10	14	47	49	36
Notts C	37	11	14	12	43	49	36
Orient	37	9	18	10	25	36	36
Bolton	37	13	9	15	40	38	35
Nottingham F	38	11	13	14	39	47	35
York	38	13	8	17	46	50	34
Portsmouth	37	12	10	15	39	45	34
Oldham	38	9	13	16	36	45	31
Bristol R	38	11	9	18	34	55	31
Millwall	38	10	10	18	39	49	30
Cardiff	35	8	13	14	32	48	29
Sheffield W	37	5	10	22	28	56	20

Scottish second division

St'h'semuir (4) 6 — Halliday, Fairlie, McCullie (pen), McLean (3); Albion R (1) 1 — Docherty

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bromley 1, Walton and Hersham 0; Hendon 0, Enfield (1); Walthamstow Avenue 2, Sutton United 1. Subsidiary Cup: Aveley 1, Harlow Town 4; St Albans City 1, Corinthian-Casuals 2; Staines Town 0, Carshalton Athletic 1.

Third division

Halifax T (1) 1 — McHale 8,685; Blackburn R (0) 1 — Parkes

Huddersfld (0) 0 5,666; Bury (0) 0

Port Vale (0) 0 4,178; Southend (0) 0

Preston NE (1) 1 — Bird 6,547; Peterboro (0) 1 — Turner

Swindon (1) 2 — Prophett, Moss; Charlton A (0) 0 9,816

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn R	39	20	12	7	58	38	52
Plymouth A	39	21	8	10	72	54	50
Charlton Ath	39	20	9	10	67	51	49
Crystal Palace	39	16	14	9	55	46	46
Port Vale	40	16	13	11	52	44	45
Swindon Town	41	17	11	13	52	51	45
Preston NE	40	18	8	14	54	45	44
Peterborough	37	16	11	10	37	30	43
Walsall	39	16	10	13	58	43	42
Gillingham	39	14	12	13	55	49	40
Hereford Utd	41	15	10	16	55	57	40
Colchester U	38	14	11	13	56	55	39
Wrexham	39	13	12	14	50	49	38
Bury	40	13	12	15	48	43	38
Chesterfield	41	14	10	17	56	61	38
Southend	41	11	15	15	41	47	37
Grimsby Town	40	12	12	16	48	58	36
Halifax Town	39	11	14	14	44	58	36
Aldershot	40	13	9	18	45	55	35
Brighton & H	38	12	9	17	46	57	33
Watford	39	9	15	15	43	60	33
Bournemouth	38	10	10	18	33	44	30
Huddersfield	40	10	8	22	45	66	28
Tranmere R	37	10	7	20	48	52	27

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Edmonton-Haringey 3, Hounslow 2.

RUGBY UNION: Newport 9, Barbarians 46; Penzance and Newlyn 16, St Mary's Hospital 7; Pontypool 35, Orrell 11; Torquay 9, Moseley 21; Scottish Schoolboys 11, English Schoolboys 23; St Helens 21, Penarth 9; Pontypridd 39, St Luke's College 18.

Fourth division

Brentford (0) 0 5,560; Newport C (0) 0

Darlington (0) 0 (2,504); Rotherham (0) 1 — Finney

Doncaster R (1) 2 — O'Callaghan (2) 1,815; Crewe Alex (0) 1 — Purdie

Mansfield T (1) 1 — Eccles (pen) 10,221; Stockport C (0) 1 — Hollis

Northampton (2) 3 — John (2), Best; Hartlepool (0) 0 2,783

Scunthorpe (1) 1 — Davidson (5,865); Lincoln C (0) 1 — Graham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield T	40	24	11	5	75	36	59
Shrewsbury T	40	23	8	9	70	37	54
Rotherham U	39	20	12	7	61	30	52
Lincoln C	38	18	12	8	65	37	48
Chester	40	19	10	11	58	35	48
Cambridge Utd	40	16	12	12	49	39	44
Bradford City	41	16	12	13	44	40	44
Reading	38	18	7	13	53	38	43
Newport Co	39	18	7	14	57	66	43
Exeter City	40	17	9	14	50	51	43
Brentford	39	14	11	14	41	38	39
Southport	39	12	15	12	48	48	39
Crewe Alex	41	11	15	15	31	41	37
Northampton T	39	14	8	17	59	63	36
Hartlepool U	39	14	8	17	43	52	36
Doncaster R	41	13	9	19	56	70	35
Rochdale	40	11	13	16	51	64	35
Torquay Utd	41	11	13	17	37	56	35
Barnsley	41	12	10	19	55	59	34
Stockport Co	40	11	11	18	42	64	33
Swansea C	41	14	5	22	43	67	33
Darlington	40	10	8	22	43	62	28
Scunthorpe Utd	39	7	14	18	37	60	28
Workington	39	10	8	21	31	66	28

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Bramley 21, Bradford Northern 5; Keighley 6, York 3. Second division: Batley 2, Hull Kingston Rovers 43.

For the record

Boxing

TOYAMA: WBA flyweight championship: Erbito Salavarria (Filipino) beat Susumu Hanagata (Japan), pts.

Cycling

SOIGNIES: Tour of Belgium, stage 3: 1, J-P. Danguillaume (Belgium), 4hr 39min 15sec; 2, T. Smit (Netherlands), 4:39:28; 3, G. Karstens (Netherlands), 4:39:35. Overall: 1, F. Maertens (Belgium), 13:12:19; 2, M. Pollentier (Belgium), 13:12:39; 3, F. Verbeeck (Belgium), 13:12:46.

Tennis

TUCSON: P. Dent beat R. Tanner 6—4, 6—7, 7—6; E. van Dillen beat S. Phillips-Moore 6—4, 3—6, 6—4.

Fencing

MEXICO CITY: World under-20 championships: Sabre final pool: 1, A. Arcidiacono (Italy), 4—1; 2, M. Burtsev (Soviet Union), 3—2; 3, G. Dallabarba (Italy) 3—2.

Hockey

SOUTHEND (Women): Old Southendians 0, East Grinstead 3; Southend 0, Smilers 0; Colchester 1, Towcester 0; Smilers 0, Billericay 0; Basildon 1, East Grinstead 2; Southend 0, Old Southendians 1; Colchester 1, Hinckley 0; Old Westcliffians 0, Towcester 3; Barclays Bank 0, Hinckley 2; Westcliff 1, Old Westcliffians 0; Priory 1, Barclays Bank 0; Smilers 0, Colchester 1; Priory 0, Towcester 2; East Grinstead 3, Billericay 1; Old Southendians 0, Basildon 0; Hinckley 1, Westcliff 1; Old Westcliffians 0, Basildon 1.

RAMSGATE (Women): Hightown 1, Tyaes 1.

Cricket

BRIDGETOWN: Shell Shield: Combined Islands 189 and 301 for 9 (J. Allen 110, I. V. A. Richards 54; G. C. Armstrong 5—66); Barbados 211.

GEORGETOWN: Shell Shield: Jamaica 245 (M. C. L. Foster 76; R. C. Collymore 4—67); Guyana 22 for wicket.

CAPE TOWN: Tour match: 40 overs: D. H. Robins's XI, 160 (39.3 overs) (D. B. Close 48, A. W. Greig 36; V. van der Bijl 3-18, E. J. Barlow 3-29); President's XI, 162 for 5 (38 overs) (B. A. Richards 63). President's XI won by 5 wkts.

Rackets

Half a dozen have chance of winning schools' title

By Our Rackets Correspondent

This does not look like a vintage year for the schools' rackets doubles championships which began at Queen's Club yesterday. Malvern, the holders, are the top seeded pair in the senior event, but were recently beaten by Marlborough.

Harrow are second seeds and have preferred P. D. M. Greig to C. J. L. Paul as partner to A. C. S. Piggott. There could have been little in it judged on Paul's sound play in the second pairs competition yesterday when partnering N. C. Hopton to a six-game win over Clifton. Marlborough and Rugby provide the other seeded pairs but form this season has been so even that no school is outstanding and half a dozen have a chance of winning the title.

Malvern lost their second pair against Wellington after leading by three games to two and 10—7 in the qualifying event for the last five places in the championship. The Wellingtonians, M. I. H. Perkins and N. G. T. Polley, were strongly favoured, but their play was erratic until defeat threatened. Then, at 7—10 in the sixth game Polley hit six winners to take the game

The Tonbridge second pair, D. G. Markland and N. G. Evans, owed their recovery from being down three games to one against Marlborough, almost entirely to some excellent serving by Markland.

SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying Round: Eton II (K. W. Smith-Bingham and M. B. H. Evans) beat Winchester II (J. W. White and C. D. M. Fletcher), 15—2, 15—3, 18—5, 15—8; Haileybury II (D. M. Denne and S. R. Kverndal) beat Rugby II (N. D. Flather and T. R. Debenham), 15—13, 15—8, 15—4, 15—4; Tonbridge II (D. J. Markland and N. G. Evans) beat Marlborough II (R. D. L. Spring and A. J. Kurt-Dineen), 7—15, 6—15, 15—4, 8—15, 15—3, 15—8, 15—9; Harrow II (N. C. Hopton and C. J. L. Paul beat Clifton II (J. R. P. Peberdy and J. P. R. Thorn), 15—12, 8—15, 15—1, 11—15, 15—3, 15—12; Wellington II (M. I. H. Perkins and N. G. T. Polley beat Malvern II (J. D. Wootton and A. H. Slater), 17—18, 15—2, 15—10, 6—15, 9—15, 15—10, 15—0.

COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Radley (A. C. T. Pepper and C. J. Sutton) beat Tonbridge (C. Puente and J. C. Cowdrey), 10—15, 15—5, 15—4, 18—9.

Marlborough (C. F. Worlidge and S. J. Lillyman) beat Winchester (R. U. M. Lambert and T. H. Breitmeyer), 15—2, 15—2, 15—1; Haileybury (R. M. Gradon and P. Wallis) beat Clifton (N. B. F. Hubbard and S. Hughes), 15—16, 15—9, 15—5, 15—9.

Eton (D. J. C. Faber and N. E. C. Barham) beat Charterhouse (P. W. A. Westerman and N. G. Williams), 9—15, 18—2, 15—3, 8—15, 15—4.

Today's fixtures

Second division

Cardiff v Portsmouth (7.30).

West Bromwich v Notts Co (7.30).

Fourth division

Reading v Exeter (7.30).

Scottish Cup

Semi-final round

Dundee v Celtic (at Hampden Park, 8.0).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division (North): Wellingborough v Witney Town (7.30).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hornchurch v Rainham (7.30).

Tennis

Cox, Taylor and Mottram not in Davis Cup party

Britain's leading three tennis tennis players, Mark Cox, Roger Taylor and Christopher Mottram, are not in this season's Davis Cup party which was announced last night.

Cox had already told the Lawn Tennis Association he was unavailable because of league commitments in America, and Taylor and Mottram are both undecided whether they can play for the same reason. Paul Hutchins, the national team manager, has asked for a definite answer from them by the middle of the month.

DAVIS CUP PARTY: J. Lloyd (Essex), R. Lewis (Middlesex), S. Warboys (Essex), D. Lloyd (Essex), M. Farrell (Lancashire), S. Robinson (Lancashire), J. Feaver (Dorset), G. Stilwell (Essex).

Santiago, April 1.—The President of the Chilean Tennis Federation announced today that the Chilean team would play South Africa in the American final round of the Davis Cup.

Mr Herman Basagoitia said that the Chilean federation had been given an official mandate from the Government to do as they thought fit. He stressed that the South Africans would have no visa problems and suggested the matches be played on May 9, 10 and 11.

Mexico and Colombia had earlier refused to play with the present champions of the Davis Cup because of a recent United Nations resolution calling on member nations to stop any interchange with South Africa

SPORT

Racing

First class males bring sorting problems to Seven Barrows

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

No preview of the new flat racing season would be complete without referring to Peter Walwyn and Patrick Eddery, champions both and arguably the most powerful pairing in English racing today. And no preview would be adequate without an immediate reference to the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, the unbeaten colt Grundy, who was injured just over a fortnight ago when he was kicked on the left-hand side of his nose, mercifully far enough below his eye to cause no problems to it.

It was an injury which caused no little consternation at the time, but happily the latest bulletin is encouraging. Grundy had to spend only one day in his box after he was injured. He resumed cantering eight days ago and yesterday I saw him do what was his second piece of fast work on the downs this spring. The way that he moved could not have been more reassuring—an obvious delight to his trainer's eye and a comforting feeling for Matt McCormack, the experienced lad who has ridden Grundy out for the past year and therefore the man who knows him better than anyone.

After that workout, Walwyn and his veterinary surgeon, Charles Frank, who was there especially to see it, said that they were optimistic about the likelihood of Grundy appearing at Newmarket on May 3 with a favourite's chance. If he runs beforehand it will, in all probability, now be in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on April 19, because the Ascot trial, which was their original objective, will come too soon.

Forgetting for a second the injury, Grundy really does look the part of a favourite. He is bright in his coat and in himself, and he is immensely strong both physically and mentally, good reasons, I suggest why he has shrugged aside the after effects of his injury with so little fuss. His quarters boast tremendous power, which explains why he floats up those stiff gallops with the case that is so apparent, the case which convinced McCormack long ago that he is a good colt and a worthy favourite for the Guineas.

The editorial staff of *Racehorses of 1974*, published recently by Portway Press and costing £10, are among others who share that view. In their chapter on Grundy the men of *Timeform* say that they always doubted whether Lunchtime and Habat, two other good two-year-olds that Walwyn trained, were really in the top class, but they have no such reservations about Grundy.

They insist that Grundy was a long way the best two-year-old colt trained in England in 1974. They conclude by saying: "For the life of us we cannot see what is likely to beat Grundy at Newmarket." Praise indeed. They add that much will depend on how Grundy progresses over the winter.

I can vouch for the fact that, injury aside, he has progressed exceptionally well. Although you may not agree with all the opinions stated in this annual publication, especially when they stray from the horse that they are discussing on to a particular hobby horse—a habit that I find infuriating—the actual summaries of each horse are both thorough and fair.

What they say on Grundy is a perfect example. Naturally they pose the question "How far will he stay?" and give their answers, ending by saying that the 2,000 Guineas is our idea of the race most likely to provide him with a win in a classic. But they do not rule out the possibility of Grundy lasting the Derby distance and those who know Grundy intimately are sure that he will stay farther than the mile and that he will also be seen at his best on good ground when his noted acceleration will be most effective, even though it was on soft ground that he won the Dewhurst Stakes. For the time being, however, Walwyn is simply playing things by ear.

I have written before that a successful stable usually boasts strength in depth and that is certainly the case this year at Seven Barrows, where the array of good three-year-olds is mesmerizing to say the least. Ten of them are in the Free Handicap published last autumn. There is almost an embarrassment of riches. But if anyone can deploy them successfully it will be Walwyn, who won more races and prize money in *this country* than anyone else last year and the Irish Sweeps Derby as well.

As far as the colts are concerned the task force backing the flagship, Grundy, comprises No Alimony, who must be considered a Derby horse in his own right; Corby, who won the Horris Hill Stakes in the autumn; Record Token; Red Regent, who is likely to reappear in the Roseberry Stakes at Teesside Park on Friday; Consol and Patch, a recent arrival from Italy.

One Over Parr, Bygone, Foiled Again, May Hill and Honey Pot—all members of the Free Handicap, are five fillies about whom we should be hearing plenty in the weeks ahead. Then there is Royal Sensation, Star of Bagdad and Quietness, three other names to bear in mind. They will, as Walwyn admits, take some sorting out.

With the weather in one of its least cooperative moods this spring, there has not been as much fast work *done on the downs* as usual. But Seven Barrows boasts what is probably the most sophisticated covered ride in the country and only last week when the snow was falling continuously for two days I saw and appreciated how invaluable that ride was.

While others were marooned in their boxes *or* restricted to a cramped straw ring on which only the odd trot could be achieved, Walwyn's horses were doing really good ground work, walking, trotting and even cantering around their ride. And, make no mistake, eight times around that ride is the equivalent of a mile, after which they certainly know that they have done a good canter.

Perhaps this helps to explain why Walwyn's horses are already as hard as nails and boasting marvellous condition. "That ride really is a godsend at times like these", he remarked, as the snow fell harder and harder, "and worth every penny that it cost me *to build it*."

Assuming that Grundy is able to run in the Greenham Stakes, the other leading lights are likely to be deployed as follows. No Alimony, who has not grown appreciably, but who looks as round as an apple, obviously well, yet exceptionally hard, will run *in the Guineas Trial at Ascot*, after which his connexions must decide whether it is worth their while to pursue the 2,000 Guineas itself or more sensible to concentrate on the Derby and one or two of its preliminaries.

No Alimony certainly looks made for a place like Chester, but not *so the gigantic long-striding* American-bred colt, Corby. Looking at him it is easy to appreciate why Walwyn described him as a big overgrown baby last year. It *is* really a wonder that he was mature enough to win the class of race that he did.

Corby is strong now and poised to take his chance along with the newcomer Patch, who was trained in Italy as a two-year-old, in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket. *Being by St Paddy who won the* Derby, the St Leger and the Eclipse Stakes, and out of Palatch, who won the Musidora Stakes and the Yorkshire Oaks, Patch boasts a pedigree that has a race like the St Leger ingrained in it, and seeing him move I would imagine that a galloping course like Doncaster would suit him far better than anything that he ever encountered in Italy last year.

The French and Irish 2,000 Guineas have been mentioned as possible objectives for Record Token and Red Regent. Record Token has developed into a singularly handsome colt and conceivably a good one. He won all but one of his four races last year.

Can lightning strike in the same place twice, and will the deliciously named One Over Parr (she is by Reform and out of Seventh Bride) ever be as good as her elder sister, Polygamy, who was beaten a short head in the 1,000 *Guineas last year*, but won the Oaks? That is a fascinating question, the answer to which only time can provide. One Over Parr *is certainly moving sweetly* at home now, but we will know that much more about her after she has run in the fillies trial at Ascot on April 12, the race that launched Polygamy on the classic *trail*.

In Bygone, their owner and breeder, Louis Freedman, has a second exciting prospect. Bygone is by the sire of the moment. Busted, and last year she won the Houghton Stakes at Newmarket, in a way that had promise written all over it. Last year her elder *sister, Great Guns, improved out* of all recognition and won six races. If Bygone improves the same way, the sky is the limit, a sentiment that echoes forth from Seven Barrows if you ever have the good fortune to see the horses there in the evening or out at exercise the following morning.

Three trainers new to flat racing—Matthew Delahooke, Roy Edwards and Peter Cundell—all made encouraging starts at Warwick yesterday, with Come My Way, Charivari and The Happy Hooker respectively. Each was saddling only his second runner.

Delahooke, 22, *who rode two* winners as an amateur over jumps, has worked with Ian Balding, Fred Rimell and Eric Collingwood and is now private trainer to Mr C. *John Hill, in charge of a string of* 26 at Barnstaple. Come My Way led from start to finish in the Bidford Stakes, holding off Damies Girl by threequarters of a length.

Edwards, who rode more than 600 winners over jumps and has also trained a number under *National Hunt Rules during the* past four seasons, saddled the former Gordon Smyth horse, Charivari, for a good win in the Coventry Handicap. Johnson sent Charivari ahead *half* a mile out and came in two lengths clear of strong-finishing Princely Review.



Champions both: Peter Walwyn and Patrick Eddery, most powerful pairing in English racing.

STATE OF GOING

STATE OF GOING (official): Pontefract good to soft. Devon and Exeter: steeplechase course, good to soft; hurdles, soft. Liverpool (tomorrow): good to soft. Teesside Park: heavy. Stratford on Avon: heavy.

Ascot and Haydock in doubt next week

By Michael Seely

Flat racing at Ascot on Saturday, April 12, and Haydock Park on Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10, is already in doubt. At Ascot, preparatory work on the flat course has been delayed by waterlogging.

The stewards will make a final inspection on Friday afternoon next, and, if they decide the course cannot be made fit in time, the programme for the three-*day fixture beginning on Thurs*day, April 10, will be rearranged.

Only jumping is scheduled for the first two days, with six flat races and the Heinz Steeplechase on the third. In any event, Thursday's card will stand, but if the flat races are ruled out there will be no racing on Friday and the *jumping events scheduled for that* day transferred to Saturday.

Haydock Park will also hold an inspection on Friday next. The clerk of the course, Pat Firth, said yesterday: "Bad weather has caused delays to the drainage works due to be carried out on the top bend of the flat course *during the winter, and this has* only just been completed. The course is unlikely to recover sufficiently in time for next week's meeting."

Folkestone became the second flat racing casualty of the present season when after an 11 a.m. inspection yesterday morning the stewards called off the meeting because of waterlogging. This left Pontefract as the only flat fixture for today.

Although the South Yorkshire course *is* not exactly situated in the most salubrious of surroundings—a rather bleak slag heap and colliery being the most prominent features of the urban *landscape—Pontefract has a charm* peculiar to itself. The runners race up a steep hill towards the sharp bend into the home straight. The finishing stretch is under two furlongs and the final stages take place very close to the stands giving a feeling of total involvement in the proceedings.

By tradition the last race is usually a conditions event, where often one runner seems to have *an outstanding chance. But this* afternoon, however, backers are not going to be given their usual opportunity of redeeming their fortunes for Regular Guy looks sure to start at a prohibitive price for the final race on the card The Fryston stakes.

Regular Guy must have been just about *the best horse* in the country to fail to win a race as a three-year-old. Regular Guy broke down after finishing tenth *to Snow Knight* in the Derby, but previously had been second in his other three races chasing home such notables as Honoured Guest in the Dante Stakes at York, the *Irish* Derby winner, *English Prince*, at Ascot and in the Wood Ditton Stakes at the Craven meeting. Regular Guy had only failed to beat Imperial Prince by a short head.

On his reappearance at the Lincoln meeting at Doncaster, Regular Guy gave firm evidence of his well being when finishing second to Understudy. The four-year-old meets nothing of that class today. Of his rivals, Tattenham Fair probably *possesses the best form but* is an unreliable old customer. There is a tip from Lambourn for Braerise but Regular Guy should have little difficulty in giving Barry *Hills his first winner*.

Geoffrey Lewis, who rides Regular Guy, also partners Friendly Boy for Frank Carr in the Harewood Handicap. Friendly Boy landed a gamble for his connexions when scoring at the Western Meeting at Ayr last September, but may not be sharp enough this afternoon to cope with Spirit Lake, trained by Ian Balding. My colleague, Michael Phillips, made a note during his recent visit to Park House on how *forward and bright in her coat* the filly looked and Spirit Lake, a winner on this course as a two-year-old, may make a successful return this afternoon.

It may be the turn of Yorkshire in the most valuable race of the afternoon, the Hardwick Handicap. Pat Rohan saddles the consistent Green Signal, winner of the Northern Free Handicap last spring.

No surprise National withdrawals

There were 33 declarations at the four-day stage for Saturday's Grand National at *Aintree*. There were no surprise withdrawals. The full list is:

Red Rum, The Dikler, Glanford Brig, L'Escargot, Clear Cut, High Ken, Royal *Relief*, April Seventh, Money Market, Rough House, Barona, Southern Quest, Spanish Steps, Even Dawn, Ballyrichard Again, Land Lark, Castleruddery, Manicou Bay, Shaneman, Vulvan, Town Spring, Image, Wolverhampton, Zimulator, Feel Free, Glen Owen, Junior Partner, Hay Trade, Rough Silk, Tudor View, Beau Bob, Kilmore Boy, Rally Percy, Ballyath.

Pontefract programme

2.45 SPRING PLATE (2-y-o maidens: £345: 5f)

3 Olivarnie's Dandy (T. Mellor), H. Blackshaw, 8-7 A. Horrocks 3
8 Arnidale (J. Spriggs), M. W. Easterby, 8-4 J. Skilling 8
9 Bandytoch (B. Vandermolen), K. Payne, 8-4 A. Robson 14
10 Daves Equal (K. Chapman), T. Fairhurst, 8-4 E. Johnson 4
11 4 Porcupine Pie (Mrs Woolsey), K. Payne, 8-4 A. Cousins 11
12 Gipsy Last (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-3 C. Moss 1
13 Boy Marvel (J. Joyce), L. Shedden, 8-1 M. Bray 7 5
14 0 Coplow Kate (K. Parsons), W. Wharton, 8-1 P. Eddery 2
15 The Little Poem (P. Cole), Cole, 8-1 A. Cressy 7 13
17 Oakley Supreme (B. Oakley), D. Ringer, 8-1 W. Carson 12
18 Old Hall (E. Pawson), M. W. Easterby, 8-1 E. Hide 6
20 Put Up (P. Milner), Milner, 8-1 — 10
21 Rosey Spring (Mrs Broughton), G. Wallace, 8-1 A. McManus 9
24 Venus of Streatham (A. Hemmings), G. Blum, 8-1 T. McKeown 7

5-2 Daves Equal, 3-1 Coplow Kate, 9-2 Porcupine Pie, 6-1 Gipsy Last, 8-1 *Oakley Supreme*, 12-1 *The Little Poem*, *Arnidale*, 20-1 others.

3.15 WAKEFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £324: 5f)

4 0 Fire Glaze (P. Milner), Milner, 8-6 — 9
5 Knight of Barter (Mrs Stafford), R. C. Ward, 8-6 T. Rogers 10
7 0 Le Dix-Sept (S. Ribeck), K. Payne, 8-6 T. Lappin 8
10 Pali Tavi (A. Balding), Balding, 8-6 J. Balding 1
10 Prince Glen (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-6 C. Moss 7
11 Thatched House Lad (W. Wright), J. Berry, 8-6 B. Connorton 11
12 Travelling Show (Miss Kelly), K. Payne, 8-6 S. Eccles 7 5
13 0 Foxy Fanny (Mrs Bissill), P. Rohan, 8-3 J. Seagrave 6
14 0 Grespin Lad (J. Taylor), T. Fairhurst, 8-3 E. Johnson 2
16 Ricante (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-3 A. Tippling 4
17 Rozel (H. Law), K. Whitehead, 8-3 J. Skilling 6

9-4 Prince Glen, 11-4 Rozel, 4-1 Foxy Fanny, 6-1 Grespin Lad, 8-1 Le Dix Sept, 10-1 Knight of Barter, 12-1 Thatched House Lad, 20-1 others.

3.45 HARDWICK HANDICAP (£690: 1¼m)

1 302034- Green Signal (E. Sheffield), P. Rohan, 4-9-11 J. Seagrave 6
2 00421-0 Kaika (D) (E. Brown), Denys Smith, 5-9-11 P. Kelleher 12
3 02040-3 *Pablond* (H. Key), M. H. Easterby, 4-9-8 M. Birch 3
4 300- Tudor Lord (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-9-7 B. Raymond 11
5 0013- Lapidus (D) (C. Wardman), T. Walker, 5-9-5 E. Hide 4
8 410324- Murica Crags (W. Ashby), W. Haigh, 6-9-2 G. Gray 5
11 02:300- Whirlow Green (J. Colver), J. Winter, 4-8-13 B. Taylor 7
13 11100-0 Ezra (CD) (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-10 S. Webster 5 10
13 00030-0 Gold Coin (H. Leonard), W. Gray, 5-8-9 E. Apter 9
14 120200- *French Warrior (D) (Mrs Fletcher), L. Shedden*, 5-8-9 M. Bray 7 1
15 00110-0 Seaspraye (D) (D. Cox), P. Haslam, 4-8-9 — 8
16 030114- Irresistible Miss (H. Poyser), C. Brittain, 4-8-8 W. Carson 13
18 000100- Golden Pistol (Mrs Raine), N. Naughton, 4-8-4 G. Duffield 2

7-2 Pablond, 4-1 Irresistible Miss, 9-2 Green Signal, 6-1 Whirlow Green, *Tudor Lord*, 10-1 Kaika, 12-1 Ezra, Gold Coin, 14-1 Lapidus, 20-1 others.

4.15 BENTLEY HANDICAP (£588: 6f)

1 131141- Kiyoswanee (D) (P. Iso), J. Winter, 4-9-11 B. Taylor 3
2 141010- Tanaria (CD) (W. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-9-7 S. Hill 7 4
3 314300- Red Rodney (D) (E. Brown), M. W. Easterby, 7-9-3 E. Hide 9
8 230000- Relative Ease (D) (J. Mansford), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-2 S. Webster 5 2
9 00034-0 Day Two (D) (R. Payne), V. Mitchell, 6-9-1 E. Apter 6
12 040242- Brawby Lad (A. Bullent), D. Weeden, 4-8-8 P. Eddery 7
13 120004- Caribbean Boy (D) (G. Barry), R. Bastiman, 4-8-6 D. Nicholls 7 5
15 400100- Big Jake (D) (B. Kerrigan), K. Payne, 5-8-3 A. Cousins 1
16 023400- Will's Star (D) (L. Barratt), Barratt, 7-8-2 G. Sexton 8

7-4 Kiyoswanee, 11-4 Tanaria, 9-2 Day Two, 6-1 Red Rodney, 8-1 Brawby Lad, 12-1 Relative Ease, 25-1 others.

4.45 HAREWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £621: 1m)

1 011222- Spirit Lake (C) (J. Roebling), I. Balding, 9-0 J. Matthias 5 7
2 00:030- Friendly Boy (D) (S. Reakes), F. Carr, 8-10 G. Lewis 4
3 423100- Carlton Saint (F. Reacher), J. Hardy, 8-6 C. Moss 6
5 404420- Karabita (Mrs Gold), K. Payne, 8-2 T. Lappin 8
10 01400-0 Halsall (Mrs Barrett), T. Craig, 8-0 K. Leason 2
13 0400-0 Distant Cousin (Mrs Cove), P. Haslam, 7-8 — 1
11 233010- Astronomist (T. Mellor), H. Wharton, 7-8 D. East 3
18 000- Mantop (Mrs Wright), C. Brittain, 7-4 N. Fielden 7 5

4-5 Spirit Lake, 7-2 Friendly Boy, 6-1 Carlton Saint, 8-1 Karabita, 10-1 Halsall, 16-1 others.

5.15 FRYSTON STAKES (£543: 1½m)

1 244030- Tattenham Fair (A. Bolton), W. O'Gorman, 5-9-5 — 5
2 100000- Cinder Track (L. Rawcliffe), R. Bastiman, 4-9-4 D. Nicholls 7 1
3 403324- Braerise (C. Payne-Crofts), P. Cole, 5-8-9 R. Edmondson 3
5 000040- Alf's Carino (G. Pacitto), J. Calvert, 4-8-7 S. Freeman 7 4
6 2220-2 Regular Guy (W. Sherman), B. Hills, 4-8-7 G. Lewis 2

1-4 Regular Guy, 11-2 Braerise, 7-1 Tattenham Fair, 16-1 others.
• Doubtful runner

Devon and Exeter programme

2.0 WHIPTON BARTON STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

2 332140 Flying Fred (G. Beccle), G. Balding, 6-12-0 J. Fox
3 122412 Mr Snowman (Mrs Pole), T. Forster, 6-12-0 G. Thorner
4 Off13p Pensive Prince (Mrs Meals), D. Barons, 7-12-0 D. Cartwright
5 001-000 Another Lad (Mrs Amey), D. Gandolfo, 9-11-7 G. Shoemark
6 482 Barrow Chief (Mrs Atkin), O. O'Neill, 6-11-7 M. James 7
7 040430 Bit of Manny (Exors of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 6-11-7 P. Keane 7
10 0000ff Easter Parade (A. Parke), P. Cowley, 7-11-7 —
11 0000 Frosted (Mrs Bewicke), C. Bewicke, 7-11-7 A. Phillips 7
12 13-f Haymage Barnie (L. Thomas), Thomas, 7-11-7 T. Hallett 7
13 p-0000f High Talk (Mrs Ballward), D. Barons, 9-11-7 S. May
14 0- Hijacker (Dr L. Slotover), J. Haine, 6-11-7 J. Haine
15 023f04 King Credo (R. Hill), C. Bewicke, 8-11-7 J. King
16 ff-00p0 Laudon Hall (R. Steed), J. Cann, 7-11-7 John Williams
17 0-p000 Lord Atlas (G. Perry), L. Cottrell, 9-11-7 L. Lungo
19 0-000u Mockerstown (E. Morgan), M. Oliver, 7-11-7 —
22 p0p-0 Waldpool (M. Holloway), L. Kennard, 7-11-7 E. Wright

6-4 *Mr Snowman*, 7-2 *Flying Fred*, 5-1 King Credo, 7-1 Barrow Chief, 10-1 Pensive Prince, Another Lad, 14-1 Lord Atlas, 16-1 others.

2.30 BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div I: *Novices*: £306: 2m 40yd)

1 31 Master H (CD) (W. Davies), M. Oliver, 6-12-0 P. Blacker
3 0-0109b Great Waltz (CD) (R. Hillman), G. Balding, 5-11-12 R. C. Bailey
4 Billy Whizz (F. Amey), G. Gadd, 6-11-7 E. Gadd 7
5 022000 Cochineal (Mrs White), T. Forster, 6-11-7 G. Thorner
6 0000 Eastern Orchid (G. Coe), I. Dudgeon, 6-11-7 R. Floyd 5
7 0f-2 Golden Bob (Miss Boles), Mrs Kennard, 6-11-7 P. Richards 7
10 000 April Girl (C. Weeks), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 5-11-5 J. King
16 020603 Never Worry (F. Crumpler), W. Fisher, 5-11-5 B. Jefferies 5
17 p Proceed (Dr P. Green), D. Barons, 5-11-5 V. Soane
19 p04 Scotch Salmon (Mrs T. Garratt), G. Kindersley, 5-11-5 C. Candy
20 p Some Court (D. Coombs), J. Thorne, 5-11-5 R. Mangan 7
21 000 Timothy Joe (G. Allen), O. O'Neill, 5-11-5 M. James 7
22 04000 Tussore (E. West), L. Cottrell, 5-11-5 L. Lungo
23 0 Young King (J. Cobden), Cobden, 5-11-5 B. Jones 5
24 p040 Double Mint (S. Mitchell), D. Barons, 4-10-12 S. May
25 Golden Metropolis (Mrs Bricknell), N. Wakley, 4-10-12 N. Wakley
26 0040 Jester's Girl (Mrs Argeband), W. Williams, 4-10-12 K. Maguire
27 0 Sandgrounder (Mrs Chandler), D. Gandolfo, 4-10-12 G. Shoemark
30 00000 Shoot The Lights (N. Gibson), D. H. Jones, 4-10-12 T. P. Walshe 5

5-2 Master H, 3-1 Golden Bob, 6-1 Scotch Salmon, Great Waltz, 8-1 Never Worry, 10-1 Cochineal, 12-1 Tussore, 14-1 Double Mint, 16-1 others.

3.0 WHIPTON BARTON STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

1 020321 Four By Two (C) (Mrs Pym), G. Balding, 7-12-0 J. Fox
2 f1pf0 Isle of Wight (D) (L. Stevens), D. Barons, 7-12-0 S. May
4 p0-1323 Organized Chaos (CD) (G. Peter-Hoblyn), Peter-Hoblyn, 10-12-0 T. Nash
8 40e00f- Innkeeper (Exors of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 7-11-7 P. Keane 7
10 2320u4 Montbazon (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 6-11-7 J. King
15 p100pp Purbeck Pylon (H. Perry), N. Wakley, 8-11-7 N. Wakley
16 b0p00p Rosbay (G. Retter), L. Cottrell, 6-11-7 L. Lungo

13-8 Four By Two, 11-4 Organized Chaos, 9-2 Isle of Wight, 7-1 Montbazon, 10-1 Purbeck Pylon, 12-1 Rosbay, 16-1 Innkeeper.

3.30 HILL BARTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 3m 1f)

1 400000 Sayroy (C) (G. Perry), L. Cottrell, 7-11-11 L. Lungo
3 13123p Hogan Hills (F. Clegg), Mrs Kennard, 6-11-7 Mr P. Hobbs 7
4 23102 Master Spy (Mrs Sainsbury), T. Forster, 6-11-3 G. Thorner
7 0-ppu00 Jock's Relief (C) (A. Strange), L. Kennard, 9-10-13 A. Andrews
9 000130 Water Splash (C) (E. Widdicombe), Mrs Kennard, 8-10-12 P. Richards 7
10 013103 Verdi (Mrs B. Cobden), L. Kennard, 6-10-12 E. Wright
11 210142 Flydal (C) (Mrs W. Macauley), R. Head, 6-10-12 J. Francome
14 10-0 Stepharion (CD) (S. Matthews), Matthews, 14-10-6 I. Gebbie 7
15 2a2311 Blasta Blaze (Mrs Atkin), O. O'Neill, 10-10-5 M. James 7
17 040000 Sparteio (Mrs McKeckie), W. Swainson, 7-10-5 D. Cartwright
18 p10p-pp Just the Job (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 10-10-4 G. Shoemark
19 p-00040 Cheapside (Mrs Ramsden), D. Kent, 9-10-4 P. Haynes 5
23 400200 Plumbers Bridge (N. Brooks), Brooks, 6-10-0 P. Leach 7
26 0-p0p00 Baytree (Lady Codrington), D. Barons, 9-10-0 S. May
27 Birdmaster (B. Swaffield), J. Old, 9-10-0 C. Candy
28 0000 Cornish Gale (W. Hawke), Hawke, 6-10-0 T. Hallett 7

11-4 Master Spy, 7-2 Flydal, 5-1 Basta Blaze, 6-1 Verdi, 8-1 Hogan Hills, 12-1 Sayroy, Water Splash, Cheapside, 14-1 Sparteio, 16-1 others.

4.0 BEACON HEATH HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m 40yd)

2 004-000 Reginalds Tower (N. Mitchell), Mitchell, 6-11-13 Mr N. Mitchell 7
3 312004 Golden Fighter (J. Goldstein), V. Cross, 5-11-5 R. Atkins
4 300000 Don Bernado (W. Butchard), G. Kindersley, 6-11-4 Mr J. Butchard 7
8 0p0002 Super Mex (J. Adam), M. McCourt, 5-11-0 A. Varey 7
9 200004 Golden Litchon (CD) (W. H. Jones), D. H. Jones, 5-10-13 T. P. Walshe 5
11 0ff-000 The Donstan (S. Powell), E. McNally, 6-10-11 —
12 00-0 Goldspur (A. Atkin), O. O'Neill, 6-10-10 M. James 7
13 0004 Daybrook Jane (C. James), James, 4-10-10 N. Soles 7
14 01040 Midday Welcome (S. Hoddinott), H. Payne, 4-10-9 John Williams 4
16 p0p- Kilton Princess (Mrs Hartley), M. Hartley, 5-10-5 T. Hallett 7
17 030400 Naval Power (J. Thomas), Mrs Gaze, 5-10-2 R. Hyett
18 003p00 Silver Rondo (Mrs James), C. James, 4-10-0 C. Candy
19 340000 *Zanya (H. Barron), E. McNally, 5-10-0* —

9-4 Super Mex, 100-30 Golden Fighter, 4-2 Naval Power, 6-1 Golden Litchon, 10-1 Daybrook Jane, 12-1 Midday Welcome, 14-1 Goldspur, Don Bernado, 16-1 others.

4.30 STOKE HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 3m 1f)

1 4201p-0 Red Candle (Mrs O'Shea), Mrs Finch, 11-12-7 R. Champion
3 213ur3 Highland Abbe (CD) (Mrs Hankey), L. Kennard, 9-11-10 A. Andrews
4 00-3010 Mocharabuice (D) (Mrs Pole), T. Forster, 12-11-7 G. Thorner
7 23022p Merry Maker (A. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 10-11-3 N. Wakley
10 00-1103 The Sea Lion (Mrs Dening), R. Dening, 10-10-12 R. Atkins
13 042441 Sixer (G. Clay), Clay, 11-10-7 M. Salaman
15 3f04p0 Prophecy (CD) (Mrs C. Richards), D. Barons, 12-10-2 S. May
16 21pp-p0 Sailing Oak (J. Mooney), J. Cann, 8-10-2 John Williams
17 2312fp Kuluwand (CD) (A. Barclay), G. Balding, 10-10-1 Mr R. Linley 5
18 420002 Grisland Green (CD) (R. Coad), W. Williams, 11-10-0 —
19 000-p20 Solotown (J. Cobden), Cobden, 11-10-0 B. Jones 5
23 f3p1-p3 Ballywalter (Miss Pearson), Miss Pearson, 8-10-0 V. Soane
24 0p2343 Vulkie (D) (D. Scott), Scott, 12-10-0 Mr P. Hobbs 7

11-4 Merry Maker, 7-2 Sixer, 4-1 Highland Abbe, 6-1 Mocharabuice, 8-1 Vulkie, The Sea Lion, 10-1 Kuluwand, 12-1 others.

5.0 BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

2 Elegant Maeve (R. Dening), Dening, 7-11-7 R. Atkins
5 230004 Sea Picture (F. Gorman), Gorman, 5-11-7 Mr D. Curtis 7
6 p04prr Siegi (A. Souch), Souch, 10-11-7 Mr J. Frost 7
7 p Trade Mark (N. Brooks), Brooks, 6-11-7 P. Leach 7
10 3-0003 Dicopin (Mrs Hampshire), Mrs Kennard, 5-11-5 Mr P. Hobbs 7
12 00p Jimmy One (J. Lee), S. Matthews, 5-11-5 J. King
14 000 Pemba (P. Veysey), L. Cottrell, 5-11-5 L. Lungo
15 00300f Scot Free (Exors of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 5-11-5 P. Keane 7
17 102034 Watafella (Mrs Mercer), D. Barons, 5-11-5 S. May
18 000- West Penhill (S. Hill), G. Balding, 5-11-5 J. Fox
19 000 Dixie Boy (N. Power), G. Gadd, 4-10-12 E. Gadd 7
20 0 • Eastern Magic (G. Stickland), C. Fox, 4-10-12 P. Warner
21 00 Henry's Doublet (Mrs Trundle), D. Barons, 4-10-12 M. Barrett 7
22 2 Just Jolly (F. Hunt), V. Cross, 4-10-12 F. McKenna
23 0000 Leisure Bay (G. Tanner), I. Wardle, 4-10-12 G. Thorner
26 0p000 Paymaster (S. Roberts), D. Roberts, 4-10-12 V. Soane

5-2 Just Jolly, 100-30 Watafella, 4-1 Dicopin, 6-1 Sea Picture, 8-1 Leisure Bay, 10-1 Elegant Maeve, 12-1 Pemba, 14-1 others.

5.30 BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div III: Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)

2 32431 Cupid (G. Lugg), T. Forster, 5-11-12 G. Thorner
3 4-p0000 Christmas Chorus (Mrs Roberts), D. Barons, 6-11-7 V. Soane
7 0002 Raucous (S. Reddaway), R. Keenor, 6-11-7 John Williams
11 0p00 Hello Again (Mrs Webber), L. Cottrell, 5-11-5 L. Lungo
13 01 Melody Time (CD) (A. Davies), D. H. Jones, 5-11-5 M. Salaman
14 p0 Ogano (J. Diemont), O. O'Neill, 5-11-5 M. James 7
15 0004-40 Retaliation (Mrs Greenslade), L. Cottrell, 5-11-5 J. Guest
16 000 Just For Sure (Mrs Reynolds), G. Kindersley, 4-10-12 C. Candy
19 p00p0 Kent's Mill (J. Kenton), K. Pipe, 4-10-12 Mr C. Salter 7
21 00 O'Burra (Miss Hudson), L. Kennard, 4-10-12 E. Wright
22 04 Petite Culotte (D. Hodges), D. Gandolfo, 4-10-12 G. Shoemark
25 0 Sugar Palm (F. Miller), D. Barons, 4-10-12 S. May

5-4 Cupid, 7-2 Melody Time, 5-1 Retaliation, 7-1 Raucous, 10-1 Petite Culotte, 13-1 Christmas Chorus, 14-1 others.
• Doubtful runner.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.0 Mr Snowman. 2.30 Golden Bob. 3.0 Four By Two. 3.30 Master Spy. 4.0 Naval Power. 4.30 Merry Maker. 5.0 *Leisure Bay*. 5.30 *Melody Time*.

Pontefract selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.45 Porcupine Pie. 3.15 Foxy Fanny. 3.45 Green Signal. 4.15 Red Rodney. 4.45 SPIRIT LAKE is specially recommended. 5.15 Regular Guy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.45 Irresistible Miss. 4.45 Mantop.

Warwick results

2.0 (2.4) AYLSFORD PLATE (£345: 1m 2f 170yd)

Ring of Fire, b c, by St Chad—Gay Wren (Mrs M. McCarthy), 8-8 G. Baxter (25-1) 1
Perucio, b g, by Super Sam—Inoculanie (J. Morris), 9-4 C. Williams (5-1 jt fav) 2
Bill Hobbs, b c, by Salvo—Mesoro Bara (D. Mohn), 8-8 C. Hide (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Pedder Street, 6-1 Nelodor, 7-1 Apprehend (4th), Lyndsay Lady, 12-1 Sea Kestrel, 33-1 Alector, Grist Mill, Mevilhoeira, Sweet Innocence, Bombhall, Julie's Statement. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.67; places, 30p, 17p, 21p. C. Dingwall, at Newbury. 1½l, 5l. Captain Nolan did not run.

2.30 (2.31) BIDFORD STAKES (2-y-o: £367: 5f)

Come My Way, b f, by John Splendid—Scoup (C. Hill), 8-5 J. Reid (7-2) 1
Damies Girl, b f, by Decoy Boy—Damascus Sky (Mrs J. Smith), 8-8 P. Cook (11-4) 2
Clear Majority, b f, by Double Jay—Clear Belle (J. Delahaye), 8-8 B. Raymond (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Amarous Lady (4th), 6-1 Lady Chief, 33-1 Harper Lodge. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 54p, 30p; dual forecast, £2.84. M. Delahook, at Barnstaple. ¾l, 5l. Nells Beauty, Casadina did not run. Winner bought in for 1,550 guineas.

3.0 (3.5) KINGSWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £413: 7f)

Fighting Brave, b c, by Huntercombe—Alimenta (V. Hamill), 8-2 E. Eldin (5-1) 1
Paddy's Luck, gr c, by Gunslow—Mary Paddy (Lady Clague), 7-7 D. Cullen (12-1) 2
Got Lucky, b c, by Quince—Oh How Lucky (F. Johnston), 7-9 B. Wilson (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav The Goldstone, 7-2 Taw and Torridge (4th), 8-1 King Solomon, 10-1 Till I'm Around, 16-1 Clown Prince, 20-1 Hanger On, 25-1 Alcayde, Dellwood Prince, Sleek. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 19p, 27p, 60p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. ½l, 10l.

3.30 (3.37) COMPTON VERNEY PLATE (2-y-o maidens: £311: 5f)

The Headman, br c, by Tribal Chief—July Mist (B. Barnett), 9-0 P. Cook (8-15 fav) 1
Tudor Monarch, br c, by Tudor Music—Forlorn Chance (C. Hill), 9-0 J. Reid (11-1) 2
Tommy Traddles, ch c, by Jimmy Reppin—Town Tab (H. Thomson), 9-0 G. Moss (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Shantogan, 8-1 (for Buyone, 20-1 Flying Footsteps (4th), 25-1 Ballcall, O'Conna. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 19p, 19p; dual forecast, 66p. B. Swift, at Epsom. 4l, 2½l.

4.0 (4.2) COVENTRY HANDICAP (£845: 1¼m 52yd)

Charavari, b h, by Charlottesville—Tiara II (J. Edmonds), 5-9-6 I. Johnson (16-1) 1
Princely Review, b h, by Native Prince—Review (Col Sir D. Clague), 5-8-5 B. Rouse (16-1) 2
Midsummer Lad, gr g, by Midsummer Night II—Tabriz (Mrs L. Davies), 4-9-4 B. Raymond (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Cache Cache, 4-1 Freebourne (4th), 6-1 Badesa, 7-1 Seaspray, 10-1 Criticism, 12-1 Sisodan, 16-1 Happytown, Daruba, Bold Amber, Bibury Ash. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.24; places, 34p, 70p, 22p. R. Edwards, at Shrewsbury. 2l, 2l.

4.30 (4.33) HASELEY HANDICAP (£498: 1m)

The Happy Hooker, br c, by Town Crier—Legal Love (R. Deen), 4-9-2 P. Cook (7-2 fav) 1
Supergrey, gr c, by Aberdeen—Headcorn (R. Bennett), 5-8-10 F. Durr (8-1) 2
Last Orders, br h, by Crocket—Sublime (A. Stevens), 6-8-1 P. Waldron (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Modom (4th), 6-1 Tamerglow, 8-1 Ramillizal Boy, 12-1 Hallvickes, Track Hero, 14-1 Sovereign Palace, Brother Sunero, Doodle Bug, 16-1 Cartier, 16-1 Happy God, 20-1 Old Man Dingles, Spinifix, On Location, Shoulder Arms, Hand of Hope, Squires Vine. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 24p, 45p, 31p, 20p. P. Cundell, at Compton. 1l, 4l.

Wetherby

2.0: 1, **Northerner** (11-10 fav); 2, Culberne (5-1); 3, Hanaclock II (12-1). 17 ran. The Urchin, John Brown, Prince Bay did not run.

2.30: 1, **Donohill** (7-2); 2, London Express (7-4 fav); 3, Ballifar (9-1). 9

3.0: 1, **Ribanco** (9-2); 2, Tremoulous (10-1); 3, Cancelio (8-1). 18 ran. Dux 3-1 fav. Bungiehah did not run.

3.30: 1, **Firefighter** (8-1); 2, Kernan (10-1); 3, Lady Annapurna (6-1). 14 ran. Terravona 4-1 fav.

4.0: 1, **even Melody** (9-1); 2, Wylam Boy (15-2); 3, Fosbound (12-1). 10 ran. Whistling Penny 11-11 fav.

4.30: 1, **River Buck** (10-1); 2, Park Road (10-1); 3, Mucaine (6-1). 18 ran. Penzance 100-30 fav.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ribanco, Even Melody, £17.25. TREBLE: Donohill, Firefighter, River Buck, £220.40.

3.45: 1, **Southern Lad** (5-1); 2, Tudor Abbe (7-4 fav); 3, Notification (15-1). 10 ran. Master Clive, Scotia's Boy did not run.

4.15: 1, **Menaphon** (6-4 fav); 2, Librarian (6-1); 3, Oaken Coppice (6-1). 7 ran. Stephen's Society did not run.

4.45: 1, **Turner** (1-3 fav); 2, Assembly Point (6-1); 3, Caerlaverock (25-1). 8 ran. Vikinus Detral did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Cotton Coon, Manaphon, £5.05. TREBLE: Dad's Lad, Southern Lad, Turner, £12.65.

Uttoxeter

2.15: 1, **French Bridge** (5-1 fav); 2, Bou Candi (12-1); 3, *Ebony Dancer* (10-1). 19 ran. Hill Leys, Carrlaverock, Graceful Lad did not run.

2.45: 1, **Dad's Lad** (12-1); 2, Proper Charlie (11-8 fav); 3, Nonsuch Hill (2-1). 6 ran. Fly Bye did not run.

3.15: 1, **Cotton Coon** (11-1 jt fav); 2, Cloud Park (12-1); 3, Thatch Acre (12-1). 15 ran. The Gun 11-4 jt fav. Eternal Edward did not run.

Chepstow

2.15: 1, **Sunyboy** (15-8 fav); 2, Lorsome (11-1); 3, Forlorn Raid (15-2). 9 ran. Well Endowed did not run.

2.45: 1, **Catsgore** (9-2); 2, Polymia (11-2); 3, Wild Fox (4-1). 7 ran. Fisher Boy 100-30 fav. Lanlera Prince did not run.

3.15: 1, **Lanzarote** (13-8); 2, Tammu (9-2); 3, Mr Straight (10-1). 6 ran. Tree Tangle 5-4 fav.

3.45: 1, **Star Beauty** (8-1); 2, Norwell (9-2); 3, Highland Explorer (7-2). 9 ran. Royal Thrust 15-8 fav.

4.15: 1, **Hamswell** (2-1 fav); 2, Storm Project (6-1); 3, Drumweak (11-2). 7 ran. Old Smokey, Flamenco did not run.

4.45: 1, **Darcom** (15-8); 2, Brocheloch (5-1 fav). 4 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: Lanzarote, Hamswell, £7.90. TREBLE: Catsgore, Star Beauty, Darcom, £83.15.

Cricket

Worcestershire sad at the way Headley has gone

The Lancashire captain, David Lloyd, predicted fierce competition *for places in his county side when* Lancashire reported for pre-season training at Old Trafford yesterday. He said: "I base my optimism on the fact we went through *last* season unbeaten at championship level and reached the semi-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup, as well as *the final of the* Gillette Cup."

Lloyd, well on the way to complete fitness after returning home early from Australia, with a neck injury, pointed to the progress made by two young left-handed batsmen, Andrew Kennedy and John Abrahams, last summer. He also stressed that a seam bowler, Bob Ratcliffe, and all-rounder, Bernard Reidy, who is a left-handed spin bowler and a hard hitting batsman, will both be pushing for senior places.

Worcestershire players, reporting for training, found conditions *unsuitable for outdoor work* and transferred to a local school sports hall where they have been having weekly net practice since January.

The New Zealand opening batsmen, Glenn Turner and John Parker, with the West Indies opening bowler, Vanburn Holder, will be joining their Worcestershire colleagues in the *middle of this* month. Imran Khan in his last year at Oxford will be available later in the season and Jim Cumbes (Aston Villa) and Ted Hemsley (Sheffield United) at the end of the football season.

The county champions have lost their opening batsman, Ronald Headley who has had his engagement cancelled at his own request. Michael Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary, said: "We are very sad at the way Headley has gone. *We have done all reasonably* possible to retain his services, but he has declined every offer we made to him including terms to play one-day cricket."

Headley, who had a £10,014 benefit in 1972, recently joined Old Hill in the Birmingham League. Counties reported to be interested in obtaining Headley for one-day matches include Derbyshire and Gloucestershire.

The new Nottinghamshire captain, Michael Smedley, *who has* taken over from Jack Bond, welcomed a party of 16 players at Trent Bridge. After a seven-day *training period* at an RAF camp they will work with Alan Hill, the Nottingham Forest youth coach.

Smedley said: "With new South African all-rounder Clive Wright taking over from Gary Sobers and a number of good youngsters coming through I genuinely believe we can lift the gloom at Trent Bridge."

Yorkshire daily pre-season practices will begin at Headingley on Monday and all the county club's eight *capped* and seven uncapped contract players have been instructed to attend. Yorkshire have arranged first team matches against Derbyshire at Headingley on April 24 and Hertfordshire at Berkhamsted on May 19.

Why Chinese will not play politics with cricket

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, April 1

Harold Larwood, D. R. Jardine's incomparable bodyline Test bowler, will be specially invited to bowl a nostalgic over at the historic match which will finally draw stumps at the century-old Hongkong Cricket Club this year. Larwood, *now an Australian* businessman, who lives in Sydney but prefers to watch Tests from "the Hill" rather than the Sydney *Cricket Club members*' stand, has accepted an invitation to attend the requiem ceremonies at the colony's original cricket club.

Officially, he will be included in the "non-playing" guest-list, together with notable Australian Test veterans: Bert Oldfield, Lindsay Hassett, Bill O'Reilly and *Bill* Brown. But *it is predicted* that not only Larwood but also Oldfield, Hassett and O'Reilly will be asked to appear for a symbolic *one-over appearance* in their old roles as wicket-keeper, batsman and slow bowler.

The invited guests of the "playing" contingent of former Australian Test players will include: Neil Harvey, Bobby Simpson, Ian Craig, Alan Davidson, Jim Burke, Ron Archer, Ray Lindwall, Rod *March*, Les Favell, Keith Stackpole, Ian Meckiff and Ian Johnson.

After this memorable final match, the old club will be moved from its honourable site in the congested heart of the colony to a cleared wasteland halfway up the Peak. On present plans, the old site will become a public park, topping one of the central underground stations on Hongkong's projected mass transit system. Sceptics are already suggesting however, that the land area is too valuable to be preserved indefinitely as a park and that the site will inevitably become another skyscraper office complex, overshadowing both the adjacent Hongkong Club and the Communist People's Bank of China.

The ancient ground will certainly be crowded to standing accommodation to see the immortal Test veterans in action once more. There are unofficial hopes that one of the invited Australian batsmen may finally achieve the unique distinction of breaking a window of the towering People's *Bank across the road with* a six and thereby win the legendary but still unclaimed prize of a case of champagne.

One of the several urbane officials of the Communist bank who occasionally stroll into the cricket club to watch the curious foreign-devil game of cricket has said privately that no party protest would be made if a six did break a window of the bank. "Our ping pong balls have occasionally struck friendly foreigners watching our players in action abroad", he pointed out. "We well understand the rules and traditions of good sportsmanship, which have nothing to do with *differing views* on politics or ideology."

Hockey

McBryde to lead British team in W Germany

By Sydney Friskin

John McBryde, of Oxford *University, has been selected* to lead British Universities in the international hockey tournament at Darmstadt, West Germany, from April 22 to 25. West Germany, the Netherlands, France and Belgium are among the other teams taking part.

The British team, which was *selected on the basis of performances* in the recent tournament at Cardiff is:

J. McBryde (Oxford, captain), H. Palmer (Cambridge), J. Copeland (UAU), S. Macdonell (Queen's University, Belfast), I. Hobkirk (Oxford), I. Johnson (Wales), I. Ackroyd (London), C. Burns (Queen's University, Belfast), Raj Rawal (UAU), I. Sobey (Cambridge), I. Watson (Oxford), M. Langley (Queen's University, Belfast), G. Cottrell (UAU), G. Featherstone (UAU).

By beating Cardiff 2—0 last weekend, Whitchurch made sure of winning the first division championship of the South Wales League. Cardiff were the winners last year. Wales have included two uncapped players, Nicholas Lloyd (*Reading*) and Martin Brough (Swansea) in the Welsh party for the home internationals in Dublin on Saturday and Sunday. *They are relying on all the players* who helped them to beat Poland 2-1 at Chiswick on March 23.

The London League final will be played at Surbiton on April 13. Southgate, Guildford and Richmond are concerned in the semi-final round play-offs. The fourth final road play-offs. The fourth team will be either Spencer or Hounslow.

Science report

Astronomy: Nature of quasars

Although a dozen years have passed since those enigmatic objects called quasars were discovered by astronomers, their *nature remains a mystery*. According to the latest observations, reported recently in *Nature*, their energetic outbursts may be related *to the birth of stars and galaxies*, or, according to another new theory, to the existence of black holes at their centres.

Quasars are very energetic objects which contain the equivalent of a whole galaxy of stars like our Milky Way packed into a much smaller volume. They seem, in many cases, very remote from us, and must be pouring out great amounts of energy to be visible at all. That is difficult *to explain by any conventional* theory, which is why quasars have caused continuing controversy among astronomers over the *past* decade or so.

But one thing does seem clear. Quasars are just the most extreme case of a whole "family" of objects, ranging from quasars through violently active Seyfert and N-galaxies, to quiet galaxies like our own.

The obvious question to be *answered* is: Do quasars actually evolve into violent galaxies, which may in turn eventually become quiet? Or, alternatively, can ordinary galaxies like our own suddenly explode into violent quasar-like activity? You pay your money and you take your choice: over the past few weeks evidence *in support of each alter*native has been put forward.

First, according to Dr Errik Ourassine, of the Alger Astronomical Observatory at Bouzareah, Algeria, the optical variations of an active N-galaxy dubbed 3C 371 *bear a close resemblance* to variations observed in some quasars. That strengthens the view that there is a family relationship between the two kinds of object, and Dr Ourassine explains variations caused by the motions of several compact objects at the centres of the galaxies and quasars *in question*.

The explanation seems simple enough, since these objects would repeatedly eclipse one another as they move about their common centre of mass, and so produce changes in the amount of visible light we see. But according to Dr Ourassine each separate "*lump*" *must be as massive* as 50 thousand million Suns.

For some people, that may be difficult to accept. But if such massive lumps exist, then if one or more could be shot out from the active quasar nucleus it might break up, scattering a trail of stars to form an embryonic galaxy. *Repetition of such events* offers a neat explanation of how a quasar might evolve through the N-galaxy and Seyfert stage to become an ordinary galaxy.

But according to Dr J. G. Hills, of Michigan University, just the reverse may be happening. Dr Hills has calculated the sequence of events that would be followed in a galaxy with a black hole at its centre, gobbling up stars that venture too close. Such stars would *be torn apart by the black hole*, and only part of their mass would be absorbed to help the hole grow, while great amounts of gas would be blown outwards from the active centre of the galaxy. Superficially, that seems very much like the outpourings of gas seen in many active galaxies.

Dr Hills's calculations suggest that the total mass and energy omitted would be much in line with what astronomers see in active galaxies, and they show further that when the mass of the black hole reaches a critical value the luminosity becomes *very similar* to that observed for quasars.

Those results can even be applied to our own galaxy. Whereas in Dr Ourassine's model our galaxy might be a dead quasar, according to Dr Hills it may even now be boiling up towards a quasar state. That could be most unpleasant for *life on the Earth*, but on the other hand the same calculations suggest that it will take another 10 thousand million years for the black *hole at the centre of our galaxy*, if one exists, to reach the critical mass.

Which theory you believe seems to be a matter of personal taste. But one thing is sure: even though objects such as pulsars, X-ray stars and gamma-ray stars have had their share of headlines since quasars were discovered, quasars remain one of the biggest mysteries in modern astronomy.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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M. A. JORDAN,
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PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
NOTICE is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have PREPARED A DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Carlisle for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the church of St. Michael, Appleby, being a chapel of ease in the parish of Appleby in the diocese of Carlisle.
A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at The Vicarage, Appleby, Cumbria.
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Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 5 May, 1975.
K. S. RYLE, Secretary,
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Date 26 March 1975.

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MR. JAMES EDWARD ALEXANDER RUNDELL GUINNESS
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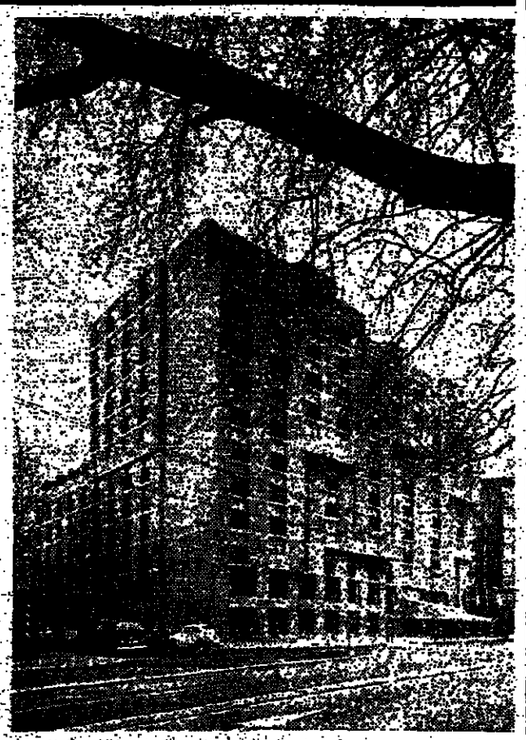
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The new Marriott Hotel, Amsterdam.

There is a growing cosmopolitanism about overseas developments these days, with regard to finance and in the coordination of international efforts towards a single development. Combinations of British and foreign architectural or letting agencies have not been uncommon, but the new Marriott Hotel opened recently in Amsterdam surely carries the process a stage farther. Here the final result is the product of cooperation by a British developer, an American hotel operator, British project managers and quantity surveyors, a Dutch contractor and a Dutch architect.

The new hotel, which has 400 bedrooms, is in the Leidsebosje, in the centre of the city, and cost FL32,900,000, or about £5.7m. Built for Leisure International (Nederland) BV, a Dutch-based subsidiary of Gallifard Estates, it is being operated by Marriott Hotels, a division of the Marriott Corporation, of Washington. Both the architects and contracting firms are Amsterdam concerns, and the whole scheme was knitted together by Bovis Construction as project managers. Widnell and Trollope (Overseas) were the chartered quantity surveyors and cost consultants involved. The hotel is the first to be opened by Marriott in Europe, and only the second outside the United States.

In Paris, Acrecrest, the British developers, who recently let part of their new development at 35-41 boulevard Haussmann to Marks and Spencer, have now let the remaining 4,000 sq metres of offices to Crédit du Nord et Union Parisienne, the French bankers. The nine apartments which are also part of the scheme will be available within the next two months. Letting was through Weatheralls France SA, Acrecrest's sole agents. Acrecrest have been active in Paris since the middle of 1972. Current schemes in the pipeline include an office development of 4,000 sq metres at 12 rue Godot de Mauroy and 3 rue de Sèze, near the Madeleine, due to become available for letting about the middle of the year, and a further office building of 6,306 sq metres at 7 rue de Teheran, just off the boulevard Haussmann, which should be ready at the beginning of next year.

That office renovation is not confined to Britain is shown by a recent transaction in Paris. The Compagnie Continentale Simmons, a subsidiary of Simmons International of New York, has sold its freehold office building at 5 rue Keppler to a French subsidiary of a Dutch development company. Simmons is later to move to larger premises on the outskirts of the city, but will meanwhile remain as tenant. The building is close to the place de l'Etoile, and the buyers intend to renovate the entire building and provide about 200 sq metres of offices on five floors.

Work should be completed in April, 1976. Healey and Baker acted for Simmons in arranging the sale and have been retained as letting agents by the buyers.

In Britain, the East Street Centre office tower in Southampton has been completed. Designed by Turner Lansdown Holt and Partners, the new building rises 10 storeys above the city's first fully enclosed shopping centre, and provides a total of 67,000 sq ft of space. The scheme has been carried out by Capital and Counties Property, and letting is through Boyd Ridgley and Partners and Houghton, Grear and Co, both of London.

In Burnley, Stephen House Properties has completed its new office development in Bethesda Street, a scheme undertaken in conjunction with the Lazard Property Unit Trust. Designed by the Building Design Unit of Salford, the property provides about 26,425 sq ft, and two of the floors are already under offer at £1.75 a sq ft. Letting is through Michael Koopman and Partners, of London, Edwards, Lacock and Partners, of Manchester, and H. W. Petty and Co, of Burnley. In addition to the building in Burnley, Stephen House Properties has another scheme nearing completion in Southport. Known as Gordon House, it is a building of 15,300 sq ft, for which letting is now well advanced.

Another of those new office blocks which may well be targets for decentralizing firms has been topped out in Norwich, and is due for completion towards the end of May. It is Elliot House, a development by Vectra Estates (Ber Street), on an island site in Ber Street, close to the city centre and the proposed inner ring road. Designed by Edward Skipper and Associates of Norwich, it will provide about 30,000 sq ft on the ground and three upper floors, and will incorporate its own enclosed landscaped inner courtyard. It is expected that the building will be let to a single tenant and the rent asked is £68,000 a year. Letting is through Jones Lang Wootton, of London, and Savills, of Norwich.

An unusual property of interest to anybody wanting decentralized offices or to set up a research unit is for sale through John D. Wood and Co, of London. It is the chemical research centre at Bozedown House, Panghourne, Berkshire, to be vacated by ICI, whose research team is being transferred to the North of England as a result of reorganization within the group. Bozedown House, which stands in about 21¼ acres, is a varied complex of mainly purpose-built buildings based on a fine Edwardian house. The complex provides a gross area of about 45,000 sq ft, including three laboratory blocks amounting to over 20,000 sq ft, and six office complexes totalling 8,319 sq ft. The main house was built about the turn of the century and has some good panelling and fireplaces. Offers of about £400,000 are being asked.

A two-storey warehouse in St Andrew's Road, Bordesley, Birmingham, which is being rebuilt after a fire last year, is being offered for letting by Lloyd Pascall and Co, through Grimley and Son, of Birmingham. It will provide a unit of 3,733 sq ft on the ground floor and one of 5,348 sq ft on the lower ground floor. Rents will be £1.20 and 90p a sq ft respectively. The units are expected to be available towards the end of the year.

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April 5 Eve. DON JUAN/KETTENTANZ Augustyn/Corey/Tennant/Potts/Kain/Harwood/Schramek/Stefanschi
April 7 COPPELIA Tennant/Schramek/Gorrissen
April 8 COPPELIA Jago/Surmeyan/Patsalas
April 9 GISELLE Nureyev/Tennant/Harwood
April 10 GISELLE Nureyev/Kain/Potts
April 11 COPPELIA Harwood/Norman/Bruhn
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SADLER'S WELLS. 837 1672. Booking opens April 7 for Royal Academy of Music & Gothenburg Ballet; April 14 for New Opera Co. & Tokyo Ballet. Prog. avail. from Theatre or Agents.

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings 7.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.30. Centenary Season. D'Oyly Carte in Gilbert & Sullivan. Until Sat.

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THEATRES

ADELPHI. 836 7611. Red. price prevs. from Friday, nightly 7.30. April 12 at 3.0 & 7.30. Opens April 15 at 7.0. Subs. 7.30. Mat. Thur., Sat. 3.0. Jean Simmons, Hermione Gingold, Joss Ackland in Harold Prince's A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

ALBERY. 836 3878. Mon. to Fri. 8. Sats. 5.15 & 8.30. Mat. Thurs. at 3. DOROTHY TUTIN PETER EGAN DOROTHY REYNOLDS CLIVE MORTON in J. M. Barrie's Comedy WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS "A supreme comedy." S. Times. "Superb." D. Ma. Some good seats available day of performance.

ALDWYCH 836 6404. 1975 World Theatre Season. This week: Poland's Cracow Stary Theatre in Wyspianski's NOVEMBER NIGHT directed by Andrzej Wajda. (Evgs. 7.30. Mat. today & Sat. 2.30). Next week: Sweden's Gothenburg Stadsteater in Strinberg's GUSTAV III. Recorded booking inf. 836 5332.

AMBASSADORS. 836 1171. Transfers here (from Criterion) with new cast April 14. Subs. Mon.-Thurs. 8.15, Fri. & Sats. 6.30 and 8.45. THERE GOES THE BRIDE.

APOLLO 437 2663 Comm. April 10 at 7.0. Subs. 8.0 Mats. Thurs. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.30. MARGARET LEIGHTON ALEC GUINNESS A FAMILY & A FORTUNE

ARTS. *Theatre Club.* 836 3334. *Great Newport St.* (adj. Leics. Sq. Underground). Inst. temp. Mbrshp. avail. 15p. Opens April 17 & subs. Tue.-Sun. 8. Kings Head Theatre Prodn. KENNEDY'S CHILDREN "The play is fantastic." Observer.

CAMBRIDGE 836 6056. Evgs. 8. Sat. 5.45, 8.30. Tue. (all seats £1.50) 3. "London's best musical in 25 years!" JACK THE RIPPER Children under 16 Admission free. Last 2 weeks. *Must end April 12.*

CAMBRIDGE. 836 6056. Opens April 24 at 7.0. The Wild & Wonderful Production of THE BLACK MIKADO Previews from April 17.

COMEDY. 930 2578. Opens tonight 7.0. Subs. 8.0. Mat. Thur. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 HONOR BLACKMAN MARY URE BRIAN BLESSED RONALD HINES THE EXORCISM *A New Play by DON TAYLOR*

CRITERION. 930 3216. Eves. 8. Sats. 5.45 & 8.30. Mats. Weds. at 3 p.m. THE NEW COMEDY HIT BRILLIANT BERNARD CRIBBINS Geoffrey SUMNER Terence ALEXANDER Jane DOWNS BILL PERTWEE and "EXPERT" PEGGY MOUNT—Stage. THERE GOES THE BRIDE "VERY FUNNY."—E. News. Transfers to Ambassadors with new cast April 14.

CRITERION. 930 3216. Prevs from Apl 9. Opens Apl 14 at 7: subs Mon-Thurs 8, Fri. Sat 5.45, 8.45 MARTY BRILL as LENNY (Based on the life and words of Lenny Bruce).

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GARRICK. 836 4601. Evgs. 8.0 SHARP Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 MURDERER by ANTHONY SHAFFER "VASTLY ENTERTAINING BLEND OF COMEDY AND SUSPENSE. THIS ONE WOULD BE A CRIME TO MISS." Mir.

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GREENWICH 858 7755. Evgs. 8.0. Mats Sat 2.30. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST by Oscar Wilde.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE CLUB. 722 9301. Nightly at 8. Sat. 2.45 & 8. ALPHABETICAL ORDER A new comedy by Michael Frayn. *Transfers Mayfair Th. April 8.* Open April 15—THE PEOPLE SHOW

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 7.45 Mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 4.30 & 8.0. JOHN CLEMENTS in Ronald Millar C. P. Snow's THE CASE IN QUESTION "An excellent evening's entertainment . . . An enthralling story." —Harold Hobson, Sunday Times. "Absorbing . . . a lot of people are going to enjoy this play." —J. Barber. Daily Telegraph.

HER MAJESTY'S. 930 6606. Prevs. from April 11 at 7.30. April 19 at 2.30, 7.30. Opens April 22 at 7.0 Subs. 7.30 Mat. Wed. Sat. 2.30 DAVID HEMMINGS in JEEVES with MICHAEL ALDRIDGE Book & Lyrics ALAN AYCKBOURN Music ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.

JEANNETTA COCHRANE THEATRE Southampton Row, W.C.1. Opens Tomor. at 7. Subs. 7.45. Sat. 5 & 8 CLIVE SWIFT DAVID SWIFT & Rosemary Martin in THE TWO OF ME A comedy by Stanley Price Tkts. £1.50/£1/50p. 242 7040.

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MAYFAIR. 629 3036. Last week. Evgs. 8.15. Sat. 6.0 & 8.15 An Evening with HINGE & BRACKET "Stylishly funny"—Gdn. ALPHABETICAL ORDER by Michael Frayn. Opens April 8.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Rest. 248 2835 Evgs. 8.15. Wed. & Sat. 5.0 & 8.15 COLE Last two weeks. Opens April 21: Shaw's DOCTOR'S DILEMMA

THEATRES

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PICCADILLY 437 4506. Mon. to Fri. 8 Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. Mat. Wed. 2.45 DINAH SHERIDAN, JACK WATLING RAYMOND FRANCIS in a new thriller by FRANCIS DURBRIDGE THE GENTLE HOOK

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RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75

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SHAW. 388 1394. Evgs. 7.30. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Hywel Bennett, Ruth Dunning, Caroline Mortimer in NIGHT MUST FALL by Emlyn Williams. Directed by Nigel Patrick.

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ABC 1: Mel Brooks' YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Wk. & Sun. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
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ODEON HAYMARKET. 930 2738/2771. Dirk Bogarde, Charlotte Rampling. THE NIGHT PORTER (X). Sep. Progs. Wk. 1.45, 5.00, 8.20.

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3 Jack Lemmon, Anne Bancroft THE PRISONER OF 2ND AVENUE (A). Sep. perfs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. All seats bkble.

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THE ARTS

Polish play not hag-ridden by the past

J. P. Gawlik, the director of Cracow's Stary Theatre, told me that he had butterflies in the stomach about bringing two Polish classics to the London World Theatre season. One can see why. Hitherto the general rule has been that Polish directors are for export, and that Polish dramatists are not. We get Witkiewicz filtered through Kantor; Slowacki and Wyspianski filtered through Grotowski. Meanwhile the classic writers themselves remain firmly locked up inside their own culture.

With all the wisdom of one week's experience of Poland, I can see two reasons for this. First, these authors (the *emigrés above all*) *were too* much devoured by the national cause to spare any attention for outsiders. Secondly, sharing the same historical obsessions as their public, they could make complex references through short-hand symbols baffling to the non-initiated.

It is not simply a question of language. I have never seen a more enigmatic show than the translation of Witkiewicz's *The Cobblers* at the Half Moon last year. The current Warsaw production at the Ateneum makes the piece a good deal *clearer than it was in English*, and reveals its pre-war author as a political and aesthetic prophet. Even so, when one character trudges on disguised as a bale of hay, how would you know that this is an acid comment on Wyspianski's approach to the peasant question? Ghosts, ghosts. They still fill the stage when you move on 25 years to Tadeusz Rozewicz's *The Card Index* (1960) at the Maly Theatre (incidentally, the most beautiful, and accoustically miraculous theatre in the round I have ever experienced). The mighty dead are still in command, flourishing Kosciuszko headgear, emerging shot through the heart from the internecine post-war struggles, and plaguing the life out of Wojciech Siemion who only wants to retire to his bed.

It was, therefore, with delight that I discovered one Polish play not hag-ridden by the Polish past, and which would adorn the repertory of any theatre in Europe. Its author, Bruno Jasienski, was a cosmopolitan victim of Russia's Great Experimental years. Beginning as a futurist at Cracow University, he went on to found a theatre for expatriate Poles in Paris and to publish a book, *I'm Burning Paris*, for which he was expelled from the country in 1928. Thence to Moscow, where he joined the board of the Russian Association of Proletarian Writers and edited two cultural magazines before vanishing during the 1937 purge.

Between the disbandment of RAPP in 1932 and his arrest, Jasienski wrote a number of stories and plays, including *The Manikins' Ball* which, he said, was intended "to supply revolutionary training by giving the proletarian audience a chance to laugh at its enemies". After that pious declaration, Janusz Warminski's Ateneum production comes as a gloriously *anarchic surprise*.

In one sense, *The Manikins' Ball* works an old Polish trick. Wyspianski's *Akropolis* shows the statues in Cracow cathedral stirring from their niches to relive scenes from antiquity. In Jasienski, the manikins in a locked department store come to life to enact a class-rebellion. It starts with their annual ball, accompanied by a tango from next door. The immaculate creatures glide stiffly round, two by two, enjoying their night of freedom. One hobbles slightly, making do with two left legs; another consists only of a head and torso, but he gets a partner all the same. It would be nice, someone says, to have these balls more often. Ah yes, comes the reply, but the humans might get wind of it and nail us down.

A human then gate-crashes the party; a drunken Parliamentary deputy in pursuit of a voluptuous manikin he has mistaken for a woman. The dancers hold court and decide to behead him. The head is brandished aloft; then one of the manikins seizes it and settles it on his own shoulders. This, he says, is his passport into the human world, and departs into the night. It is the word "passport" that enables Jasienski to get away with this effect, as it converts decapitation into a theft of identity papers, and allows the victim to live on to regain his rightful property.

We then pass into the sublime farce of Act II with a capitalist ball in full swing (still to the same tango) and dialogue between a banker and *an industrialist, both of them* keenly interested in getting the deputy to call off a threatened strike. He arrives, his vigilant head propelled with the movements of a jointed doll. He accepts their bribes, and innocently hands them over to the strike committee. He accepts their women; estimating the bust measurements of the first as if squeezing a motor horn, and was discovered under the skirt of the second wrapping a tape-measure round her thigh. He accepts their duels; escaping the banker's deadly aim when the strike plunges the stage in darkness. But by now he has lost his innocence and gladly surrenders the head to its desperate owner, having seen enough of human society.

This is as deftly plotted a farce as any from the *belle époque*; but it gains equal comic effect from scenic contrast. The essential irony is that although the manikins represent servitude, they also embody idealized patterns of *etiquette*. So, *while you see a* doll aping human behaviour, you also see the guests and flunkies aping the behaviour of dummies. The line between the two is very close; and the great achievement of the Ateneum show and Marian Kociniak's marvellous central performance is that even when the two sides are virtually merged the contrast is always precisely sustained.

As an added refinement, I would love to see this play performed by the Groteska Theatre in Cracow: a remarkable puppet theatre run by an Obrazov disciple, Zofia Jaremowa, who specializes in modified Bunraku techniques and in combining dolls with masked actors. Their current show *Wyenancy*, a comic trilogy on fatal Old Testament ladies by Jan Szaudynger, shows Cupid ironically manipulating a life-sized Judith into the embrace of a drag Holofernes, and Adam playing a love scene with a rib-sized Eve while God, disguised as a tree, looks on, wearily raising good and evil angels out of his branches. This theatre has evidently found one method of escaping the old Polish ghosts.

Irving Wardle



Grazyna Barszczewska and Marian Kociniak in The Manikins' Ball

November Night
Aldwych

Irving Wardle

With an ominous march in triplets and the eight-foot figure of Pallas Athene swathed in serpents, the World Theatre season opens with a tremendous burst of Polish nationalism. This is a great and, for us, unexplored area of European drama; and Peter Daubeny is right as well as bold to have brought over two productions from the Cracow Stary Theatre to drive the point home.

The date of Wyspianski's play is November, 1830. "November", says one of his characters, "is a dangerous time in Poland: a time when the living join with the spirits in brotherhood." The reference is not only to All Souls' Day (a major theme in next week's *Forefathers' Eve*), but to the accumulated legends of the November insurrection itself. This national disaster was the grand theme of Polish romanticism, and by the time Wyspianski came to dramatize it early this century, he was walking in the footsteps of his giant predecessors. His public, you might say, knew the story already. So point one for an English audience, is that they *will not get a coherent narrative* of the uprising from this play. Point two is that it has been directed by Andrzej Wajda from the vantage point of the Polish myths that have developed since Wyspianski's time. Crudely, one might compare this to a revival of J. M. Synge in the context of modern Belfast.

The uprising itself survived into 1831 before Russia finally crushed it; but the play confines itself to the events of November, and in particular to the character of the Grand Duke Constantine, governor of Poland and brother of the Tsar. Constantine could have acted against the rebels; or put himself at their head and led the country to independence. In the event, he merely fled the country.

In Wyspianski's hands, he becomes a demoniac creature of Polish dualism; married to a Polish duchess and moved equally by love and contempt for the country. Jan Nowicki (whom London saw as Stavrogin in *The Possessed*) presents him as a near-psychotic; first seen performing on his violin in the glow of the rebels' fires and assaulting his personal staff with kicks and lighted cigars, never more dangerous than when his *lips curl back in a carnivorous* snarl; but also capable of offering a hand to a Polish hero and helping him gently to his feet.

The first 15 minutes of the show are undiluted grand opera, with Wyspianski's verses sung and chanted over Zygmunt Konieczny's martially doom-laden score, where the melody hangs on to a few stable notes in a context of sliding tonality. The heroic valour of the goddesses is matched in national symbolism of Demeter and Kore (in Polish peasant costume) who enact a descent to the underworld relating the course of the uprising to the cycle of the seasons (dualism again).

This moment comes towards the end; by which time we have seen a series of Polish generals betraying the uprising out of loyalty to their nominal rules. To one of them, Constantine addresses the lines that come closest to summing him up: "How could you Poles abandon your cause? Forgive me friends, brothers, but you are my enemies."

Constantine dominates the human dimension of the play. But much of it is played on super and sub-human levels. There is the quartet of war goddesses who open the production and reappear throughout, and the group of satyrs who appear in its playhouse scene, where we get a popular view of the eccentric Governor. These are the passages where the hand of Wajda is most evident.

But meanwhile Wajda's conspirators, most of them nameless, remain figures in the shadows; endlessly waiting for support to reach them in Lazienki Park, breaking into the Belvedere Palace for a random shoot-out, but almost ludicrously feeble in comparison *with the huge victorious figures* that proceed from their imagination.

At times the production has the atmosphere of a national pageant; at times it moves into Dostoevskian melodrama. Sometimes Wajda blends the two, as in a scene where General Chlopicki (Edward Lubaszenko) and one of the martial goddesses (Ewa Ciepiela) work on the chances of victory on the throw of a card. The lighting, as one would expect from this director, is expressive enough *almost to dispense with* any need for scenery, and the switches of idiom from baroque magnificence to near-naturalism are managed with absolute confidence.

For an English observer this is not an easy production. But as to its quality I would say that if Ireland had produced a heroic drama equal to its tragi-comedy, it might have been along these lines.

La Symphonie fantastique
Paris Opéra

John Percival

Roland Petit must be the doyen of French choreographers and he is still the liveliest practising today. *His new double* bill at the Paris Opéra has nothing startlingly innovative to offer but does serve as a reminder of the immense creative surge in French ballet during the first postwar decade; a surge which the present generation, with greater material and technical resources, has not yet been able to equal.

The programme consists of a revival of *Le Loup* and an entirely new ballet to *La Symphonie fantastique*. His Berlioz creation is in some respects *quite horrifying, yet* it shows impressively the company's strength and it has a confident theatrical flair which stirs the house to wild applause.

Whereas Massine, in his 1936 production (which once looked more durable than it has proved), stuck closely to the composer's own programme, Petit has felt obliged to invent, in collaboration with Marcel Schneider, a modern gloss on the original idea. Odd, that an anecdote about a drug-taker on a bad trip should apparently be thought too oldfashioned!

Aiming at a more cosmic approach, they change the hero from a musician into any young man, and his dreams from a crazed search for an *ideal* love into a set of vague encounters with mainly unpleasant aspects of life. There is no longer any reason for him to find himself in a *ballroom* or the countryside, no motive in the introduction of sinister cowled figures. One must simply accept that *c'est la vie*.

There is of course still a heroine, described as a chimera. The role was created for the return to ballet of the choreographer's wife, Zizi Jeanmaire. We know that a dancer can still be a star past the age of 50, and Jeanmaire has never lost her looks or personality, although she has devoted them lately to the rather different demands of revue. She *did* in fact *dance the first* two performances, but the unaccustomed strain took its toll, and the night I went she injured a calf muscle while warming up a *few* minutes before curtainrise.

Consequently, Ghislaine Thesmar replaced her at the shortest imaginable notice and, as I later learnt, without ever having had a proper rehearsal of the role. Perhaps it is easier to do so on the spur of the moment than in cold blood. At any rate, Thesmar carried off the part with a simple, direct and warm expressiveness *such as I have* never seen from her before.

The part was clearly shaped for Jeanmaire's present abilities. She must have kept up her technique rather well (*echappés* are obviously a favourite step, and a surprisingly energetic one), but the choreography is written in short phrases with plenty of rests, even between the bursts of a *manège*. More than one of the climactic moments is simply a slow, flamboyant walk down the centre of the stage.

That would come more naturally to a revue star than a ballet *dancer; so, I imagine, would all* the time she spends being carried about at shoulder height. Really, to make so much of a part right outside her usual line, and in such circumstances, was a very impressive achievement by Thesmar. Although sorry not to see Jeanmaire, I could not feel deprived.

Michaël Denard's performance as the man is even more astonishing. The duets alone would be enough to leave most dancers exhausted, because they tend to be convoluted and complex. Naturally enough, the man has to take *most of the strain*. On top of that, he has a tremendous amount of leaping about, around or across the stage, and right to the very end he moves as fast, as crisply, as at the beginning, in immense soaring arcs.

Denard maintains that astonishing freshness in spite of being subjected, during the March to the Scaffold, to being hurled through the air and caught in the middle of a group, rolled across a mass of horizontal bodies, or pulled about the stage *on his belly. He also* has passages when he has to maintain a balance in arabesque for perilously long periods and achieves it without the slightest apparent strain.

Nobody else has much of note in the way of solo work, but the *ballet makes* heavy *demands on* a large ensemble. They too have indignities to suffer: in the Waltz, all the women wear monkey masks to illustrate what the authors (following a hint from Balzac) regard as the true nature of womanhood, and their movements are correspondingly eccentric. What they have to do is sometimes silly, but the way they do it is wholly admirable. Svoboda's setting, on the other hand, tent-like hangings with some ill-defined projections, is entirely negligible.

A ballet company needs new works made for it, *even if they* do not achieve all they hope. In France as in Britain, more of the apprentice choreographers show more ambition than achievement. On this trip I was able to see one of the better reputed small companies, the Théâtre du Silence, in new works by two young hopefuls, both with a certain amount of promise.

Jacques Garnier has an eye for bold effects and some skill in structuring duets, although both *Quadrivium* and *L'Ange* suffered from themes of more or less obscurity. *Brigitte* Lefevre seems content to work simply at making dances, and she has an ability to extract humour from adaptation of everyday movement. Her *Collage is* more entertaining than other, more pretentious works I have seen to Charles Ives's music.

It does not appear, however, that either of these aspirants, or any others whose work I have seen, are yet ready to breathe new life into the national company. In the circumstances, it is an excellent *idea for the Opéra to supple*ment its creations and its classic revivals with a selection from that postwar heritage of the small independent companies.

Le Loup is not the choice that would spring first to mind, but its intricate Carzou setting, boldly expressionist score by Dutilleux and Petit's melodramatic choreography succeed in spite of the implausible plot dreamed up by Anouilh and Georges Neveux. The best performance in the revival comes from Wilfride Piollet as the gypsy. She is not the most voluptuous of dancers but her dancing has a seductive sheen.

Noëlla Pontois proves sadly stodgy as the bride: all her expression is in her face, none in her body. In Petit's old role of the wolf in human clothing, Jean-Pierre Franchetti wisely *lets the movement do the acting* for him. Today's male dancers are unaccustomed to such full-blooded fantasy and the experience should help develop his personality to match his already forceful technique.

It is not difficult to think of other works from that period which might well repay taking up again. Already, Janine Charrat's *Jeu de Cartes* is scheduled for revival during April.

La Bohème
Covent Garden

Alan Blyth

The Royal Opera's sensible policy of keeping more or less the same cast together under the same conductor for two batches of performances each season was rewarded on Monday with a *Bohème* that was in most respects stronger and more confident than last autumn's, and much liked by a large, appreciative Bank holiday audience. Robin Stapleton's surging, full-blooded conducting was as much responsible for that as anything; a sound reading that does not go for lengthy, Karajan-like rhapsodizing, yet draws the soul out of the score.

Veriano Luchetti's Rodolfo, which was a little tentative last autumn, has blossomed into a lover who develops from a carefree boy into a man aware of what sorrow means. His singing, bright, intense and finely focused, nowhere more so than in the troubled "Mimi è una civetta", is well matched to the portrayal.

Helena Döse, his Mimi, has not come so far along, but remains appealing. She too sings her part with glorious tone from first to last, always phrasing with distinction, and catching the rising tide at just the *right* moments in "Mi chiamano Mimi" and the third-act duet.

Noelle Rogers hardly solves the production's persistent Musetta problem. Perhaps John Copley, so unerringly correct in many things, conceives the character in too unsympathetic a light. Whatever the reason, Miss Rogers, who has much in her favour in looks and voice, protested too much and so seldom rang true.

Peter Glossop has returned to the role of Marcello, one of his best, but he also needs to watch *that he does* not overact and react. Thomas Allen's Schaunard and Gwynne Howell's Colline again thoughtfully suggested the outsiders among the Bohemians.

London debuts

The handbill of the American pianist, Stephen Manes, told us that he has already played with many of his country's leading orchestras. Certainly throughout his agreeably unstereotyped programme he sounded far more assured, both musically and technically, than a number of newcomers to Wigmore Hall.

Some of his most striking playing came in Copland's sonata (1939-41); this expansive work throve on such bold keyboard colouring, incisive articulation and strong sense of direc*tion. Beethoven's Amgor sonata,* Op 2, was just as convincing for the way he lightened his touch, without loss of urgency in deference to its early date. Glistening tone and gracious phrasing were such positive assets in unfamiliar Schubert that it was strange to find him so unmagical a lyricist in Rachmaninov's little G major Prelude, Op 32. The tune did not float of its own accord. Nor was the very different kind of melody heard in the course of Bartok's "Night Music" sufficiently other-worldly. But he was resourceful in colouring the rest of this *Out of Doors* suite, and was always challenging in Rachmaninov's moods of extrovert brilliance.

Karen Quinton, a young New*foundland pianist, appeared in* the stately music room of Canada House as the first Canadian to study in the Soviet Union (she is now in her second year) under the Canada/USSR exchange. Perhaps her sponsors would have been wiser to wait until training was completed: her natural feeling for the keyboard is not yet directed by a sufficiently discerning musical mind. Beethoven's "Eroica" variations provided the main proof. The lion and the lamb were far too sharply contrasted, with serious loss of tension in the docile numbers because of flabby rhythm. The same was true in her selection from Schumann's Fantasiestücke, Op 12, where her phrasing, though not insensitive, would have scarcely helped the blind to see. Even Bach's A minor Prelude and Fugue (Book II) hardly hung together because her touch was as frail in the one as stinging in the other.

But her part-playing was clear and *perceptive in both*. Because demanding extremes in the nature of the case, Scriabin's fifth sonata and two sonority-orientated miniatures by the contemporary Canadians, Clermont Pepin and Francois Morel, came off best. The keyboard storms she whipped up here certainly suggested that her Moscow teachers have interesting material to work on.

Joan Chissell

Julian Bream/John Williams
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Walsh

The Bream-Williams guitar duo is not to be compared for seriousness with the more familiar types of chamber ensemble, and their concert on Monday like previous recitals and gramophone records, floated along on a wave of simple enjoyment. Both players are masters of the instrument and both are *fine musicians*. But the duo repertoire is if possible even more modest than the solo, with a still greater tendency to descend into foolery, as the audience demonstrated by laughing promptly when Bream missed a page-turn in Mauro Giuliani's "Variazioni *Concertante*", one of the more absorbing classical pieces in the programme. In the music of Weiss and Sor, not to mention John Johnson and William Lawes, it was necessary to grit one's teeth and wait patiently.

There were *other reasons* for this. Of all duo combinations, the guitar duo is supremely an intimate affair *between two* players. These refined exchanges of timbre and phrasing tend to vanish in the space between the platform and the front seats, which is perhaps why the concert was more than usually punctuated by the death cries of the bronchially afflicted, since coughing is generally moderated by musical tension. When John Williams asked for quiet before his playing of solo pieces by Petrassi and Gerhard, the hacking merely changed into strangled moans, though Williams's playing was consummately skilful and *sensitive*. Its therapeutic influence remained local.

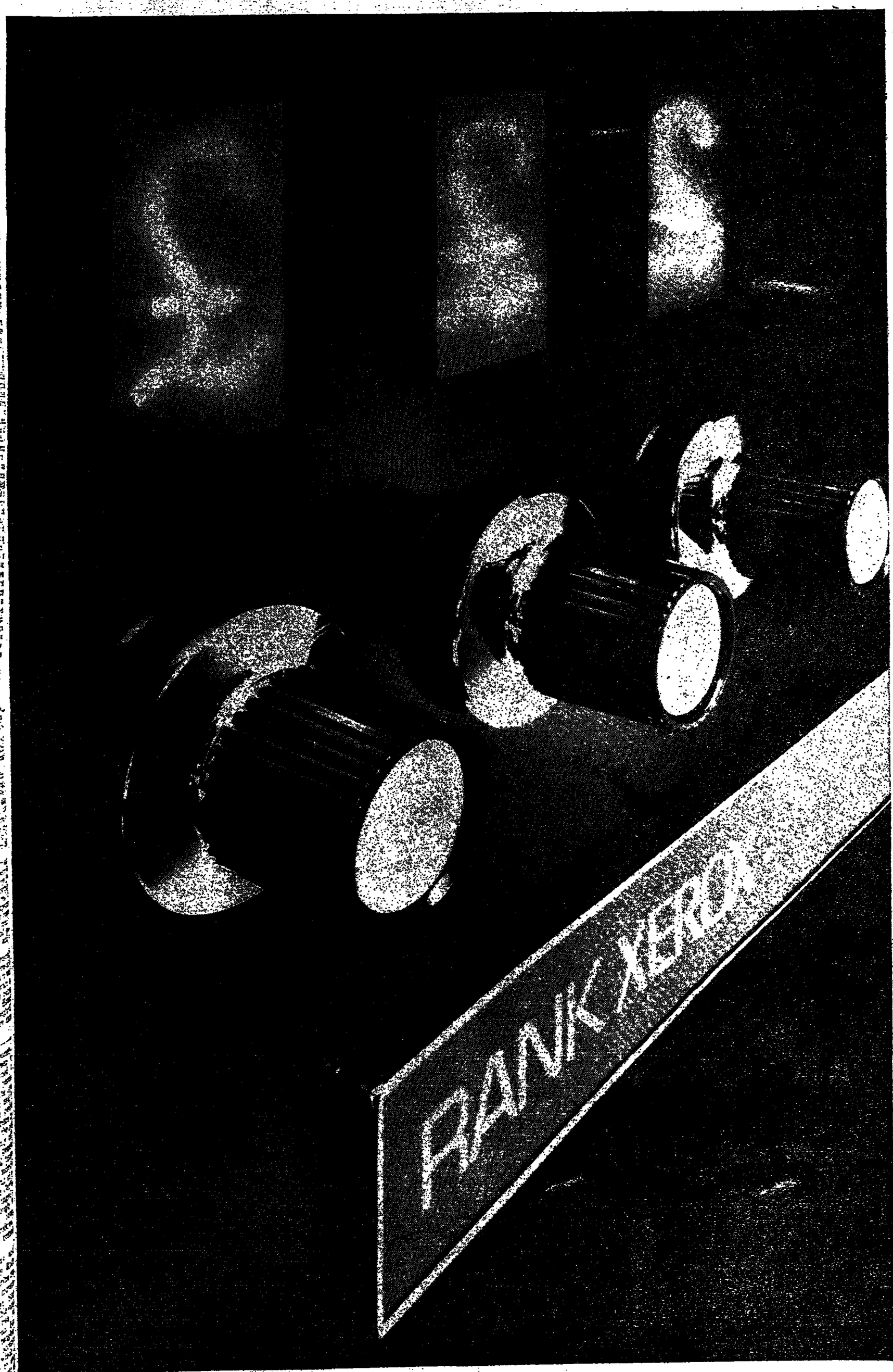
Giuliani's variations and a set of *Tonadillas* by Rodrigo (rather than a saccharine transcription of the slow movement of Brahms's B flat Sextet) showed best the possible vitality and brilliance of two such players in combination. Faults there were: minor tangles in ensemble, and that occasional unevenness of line which the guitar seems unable to avoid. But at its best the music glittered like snow in the sun and left as much trace.

Lunchtime Mozart

A lunchtime production of Mozart's *Bastien et Bastienne* will be performed at the Theatre at New End from April 8 to April 13 at 12.30 pm (5.30 pm on Sunday only).

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Bernard Levin

Sometimes familiarity breeds content

The late Professor Edward J. Dent's Pelican, *Opera* ("Not a collection of plots", as the blurb had it, "but a book explaining how opera came to be what it is, its aims and methods, its changing fashions, its failures, its achievements, its conventions and its absurdities"), must have been a hugely influential book. It is *still on my shelves—I see I* paid an old ninepence for it, in 1945—and the cover never did fall off, though I must have pretty well learned it by heart when I was just starting out on the most marvellous voyage of my life. It taught me much, and I am sure it taught thousands of others, too. (It has been repeatedly superseded, of course, though I have still never seen a better introduction to the subject, especially for the young, in so small a compass—well under 200 pages.) In those days, I had seen no Wagner upon the stage, and heard practically none in any medium, but in his short chapter on the monster, Dent (who was very far from being a Wagnerite) set the train of powder that, only a year or so later, was to explode in my brain in a ball of fire that still shows no sign of dying out.

That, however, is not what I came here to say this morning. The other night I went to the English National Opera's *Rosenkavalier* (is there *nothing* Mr Mackerras cannot do?), and I noticed something, or rather noticed myself noticing something, that led me later to take down the Dent volume and open it at the chapter on Wagner, where I read this well-remembered passage:

The Ring has ceased to be a rare experience, and producers take less and less trouble about it. But if you are young, and have never seen it, it may still be one of the great experiences of your life. If you have seen it so often that you are interested only in comparing one singer or conductor with another, or in criticizing divergences from orthodox tradition, then it is time you made up your mind to relegate *The Ring* to the *museum of your memory*, and never go to see it again.

That passage exemplifies, of course, the author's inability to take the full measure of a composer with whom he was temperamentally out of key. Seeing *The Ring* often—I must have seen a score of complete ones, plus many bits and pieces, so I know whereof I speak—does not lead in the causal fashion Dent implies ("so often *that*") to a condition in which one is interested only in such comparisons. There are works of which it is true, of course; I long ago reached that point with *Tosca*, for instance, and I have never *really felt anything else about Carmen*. But the point about works such as *The Ring*—or Dent's (and my) beloved *Figaro*, for that matter—is that however often you have seen them, and however much time you spend "comparing one singer or conductor with another, or in criticizing divergences from orthodox tradition", they are still "one of the great experiences of your life". Indeed, that is precisely how you tell the greatest works of art from the rest; you can, and do, have both experiences at once.

Now my point about the experienced music-goer's ability to hold in his head simultaneously the renewed effect of the work and his knowledge of the number of times he has seen or heard it is applicable more widely than in the comparison of performers. In the last act of *Rosenkavalier*, Sophie has to drop her handkerchief: has to, for otherwise that magic closing page could not take place, in which the little black boy, sent back to find it, *looks anxiously about*, as the orchestra darts here and there with him, and then finds it and runs out brandishing it in triumph as the curtain comes down to those four smashing chords that enable us to leave the opera-house smiling on the edge of tears. Well, if you have never previously seen *Rosenkavalier*, you obviously will not notice the handkerchief drop, or if you do *you will not think* it of any significance until the boy enters a few bars later. If you *have* seen the opera, you will notice it slip from Sophie's hand, and know why it does; but nothing more. But what if you have seen the work some twenty-five times, as I have? *Why, then, you will be watching out for it to fall.*

I am aware that my enunciation of that inescapable truth will horrify many of the more romantic music-lovers among my readers; indeed, I should perhaps have warned Mr David Cairns in advance, lest, reading it, he should suffer an apoplexy and expire. But it is true, for all that; and there is an even better example in *The Mastersingers*. In the second scene of the last act, Sachs gives Kothner the manuscript score of the Prize Song, so that he and the rest of the Masters can follow it as Walther sings. But we in the audience have *actually seen and heard the* song composed before us, an hour before; verse by verse, Walther, guided by Sachs, has created it and sung it, while Sachs has taken it down. Then it has been "christened" *The Song of the Morning Dream*, and the christening has taken the form of the most wonderful set of free variations in all music, the Quintet.

Well, now; if the Masters are to follow the song from Sachs's autograph, it must obviously correspond with what Walther sings. But Wagner, the cunning old devil, knew that to repeat exactly at that point what we have already heard earlier would mean an anti-climax at the very point that has to be the pinnacle of the entire work. How to solve this problem? Simple; simple for Wagner, at any rate. He directs Kothner, at the end of *the sixth line of the first verse* (until which point the song is identical, both in words and music, to the earlier version), to let the sheet fall from his hand, overcome as he is with the music's beauty; Walther is then directed to notice this, and immediately to adapt and vary the song, which thereupon becomes the Prize Song, instead of the Morning Dream. (Mind you, a man who can make up the Prize Song as he goes along is no ordinary knight; clearly, he learned the art of improvisation in his reading of Walther von der Vogelweide. But I digress.)

You know now what follows. *Whenever I see The Mastersingers*, my eyes turn at that point to Kothner, to watch the page fall from his hand; then I turn back to Walther. (I have, I should say in passing, seen productions of the work in which the producer has clearly been so ill-acquainted with it that he has failed to include this effect at all, much as Shaw used to complain that in *Les Huguenots* at Covent Garden the Catholics kept their hats on during Vespers, and the Protestants took theirs off.) But does this mean that I no longer love the work, that it no longer stirs me as deeply as it used to? By no means; for the best thing about the greatest art is just that familiarity breeds not contempt, but an extra special kind of affection.

I never settle into my seat for the last act of *Rosenkavalier* or *The Mastersingers* without a warming anticipation of these very moments, which do not detract from, but enhance, my pleasure in the works. Familiarity has other aspects, too, *of course; in the Beethoven Seventh* not long ago, at the Festival Hall, the LSO came apart, in the most appalling fashion (it *sounded* as though the horns had turned over two pages at once, though there were not as much as two pages to go), at the climax of the coda in the last movement, and I had to clap my hand over my mouth to avoid screaming in pain. But if *everything* is going well, if Sophie drops her handkerchief, and Kothner the page of music, at the right moment, it has a benign and comforting effect on me; everything is right in the world, for that which was supposed to happen has happened. You who do not agree with me—Mr Cairns, for instance—say: if you meet a beloved friend whom you know to have a birthmark above the right eyebrow, would you be more disturbed to see the birthmark, or to see that it had disappeared?

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Lord Shawcross on the public concern following recent criticism of barristers' conduct

Attack need not be a lawyer's method of defence

The observations of Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and of the Court of Appeal following those of Sir Robert Mark about the conduct of barristers engaged in criminal defences, and the sharp rejoinder of the Bar Council have led once *again to some public concern* with the true function in our society of the professional advocate. And it is the case that the popular conception is not entirely a favourable one.

It was not, indeed, about the English Bar that John Buchan, later Lord Tweedsmuir, the distinguished barrister, novelist and statesman, wrote when he put into the mouth of one of his characters, Mr Jones, the observation: "I do not like the folks that call themselves jurists." "Nor do I", said Christopher Normand from the depth of his armchair, "they usually come from Guatemala or Peru. They start by talking of Solon and Lycurgus and they end by being squared".

The English lawyer is not generally suspected nowadays of financial dishonesty. What *is suspect is his intellectual* sincerity. The doctor is regarded, and rightly, as the servant of humanity. The lawyer is too often looked upon as a parasitical and hypocritical person who makes money out of the misfortunes of others by prostituting his intellectual capacities. That, for money, he seeks to make the worse appear the better cause.

Let it be said that the lawyer who regards that as his function, who devotes his skill to elaborating schemes for frustrating the law and deceiving the courts, who deliberately pits his wits against the legislature and against the judges is unworthy of his gown. These are not the high tasks of the lawyer in the common law countries. It was not for such base uses that D'Aquesseau, a great French Chancellor some hundreds of years ago, called the order of advocates "As old as the *Magistracy*—as noble as virtue". "The advocate", said the famous American Justice Cardozo, "is a Minister of Justice". And there was old authority in England for the expression.

This view would have been difficult to reconcile with Lord Brougham's well known defence of Queen Caroline, in which carried away by his own eloquence he said "... Nay, *separating even the duties of a* patriot from those of an advocate, and casting them if need be to the wind, he must go on reckless of the consequences if his fate it should be unhappily to involve his country in confusion for his client's protection." It may be that communist advocates in this country, if any such there be, would not share Lord Brougham's "unhappiness") about "involving *the country in confusion*", through the manner in which they conducted themselves in court. But if this became, as some fear, and some hope it may, a communist country, they would no doubt take a different view.

Said my learned friend, the late Mr Vyshinsky, famous lawyer for the USSR: "The first requirement which must be ser for a counsel for the defence is the high sense of political responsibility, high political qualification, high training, good school, social discipline ... the knowledge of how to argue for his point of view and courageously proceed in the fight for what he believes in not because of the interests of his client but of the interests of building up socialism and the interests of our State!"

The better philosophy lies no doubt between these two extremes and *was indeed* expressed by Lord Chief Justice Cockburn in the presence of Lord Brougham, who nodded his head in agreement. What he said has often been quoted: "My noble and learned friend Lord Brougham, whose words are the words of wisdom, said an advocate should be fearless in carrying out the interests of his client; but I couple that with this qualification and this restriction: that the arms which he wields are to be the arms of the warrior and not of the assassin. It is his duty to strive to accomplish the interests of his client—per fas, but not per nefas. It is his duty, to the utmost of his power, to seek to *reconcile the interests he is* bound to maintain and the duty it is incumbent upon him to discharge with the eternal and immutable interests of truth and justice."

Sir Robert Mark questions whether all lawyers still recognize that distinction "per fas but not per nefas". Certainly it would be a sorry day for the English Bar if that were the case. The privileged position of the English Bar carries with it great responsibilities. Irreparable harm would be done if those privileges were abused. It is not the case that a barrister must accept any instructions his client gives him: it *should still be axiomatic that* an advocate must never yield to the pressure of the client in pleading a false case. Thus, for example, he must never allege fraud or other improper conduct in the Statement of Claim he signs unless he is convinced that the available evidence establishes proof of what the client alleges and also that it is necessary and just to allege ... Per fas and not per nefas. And so in cross-examination.

The right to cross-examine is, I believe, of the utmost importance: it is one of the things which distinguish the procedure of trial in the common law countries from those *elsewhere and distinguishes it* very much to the advantage of our system. Its absence is one of the things which often makes the evidence received by Commissions and Enquiries of little probative value. But it is a right easily abused.

Great anxiety has arisen through the lengthy cross-examination alleging every kind of impropriety on the part of the police which are becoming almost common form in criminal trials. Is it the police or the advocates who are guilty of improper conduct? The object of cross-examination is, not to examine crossly, as Mr Baron Alderson once put it: not to blackguard the police witness; not to make snide suggestions for which there is no serious support; not to bring out unhappy or discreditable things there may have been in the witness's past unless they have a clear and distinct bearing on the witness's credibility in the instant case. It is no part of the advocate's duty to damage the reputation of the other party to a case, still less that of a witness or a stranger, unless the matter is one which really goes to the issue in the case itself, and only then if the facts as known to the advocate justify it.

It was all well summed up in an often quoted passage from an Irish judge, Mr Justice Crampton in the famous case of O'Connell. Talking of the duty of the advocate he said: "He gives to his client the benefit of his learning, his talents, and his judgment; but all through he never forgets what he owes to himself and to others. He will not knowingly misstate the law—he will not wilfully misstate the facts, though it be to gain the cause for his client. He will ever bear in mind that if he be the advocate of an individual, and retained and remunerated (often inadequately) for his valuable services, yet he has a prior and perpetual retainer on behalf of truth and justice; *and there is no Crown or other* license which in any case, or for any party or purpose, can discharge him from that primary and paramount retainer."

This duty to act as an advocate, not indeed to obstruct the course of justice but to help in eliciting the whole truth, is of course the answer to those who ask—and the question lies at the very root of the disfavour with which lawyers are sometimes regarded—how can any lawyer appear, for one whom perhaps he knows to be guilty or at least involved in some odious offence?

But what has become the locus classicus for the statement of the true position is no doubt Boswell's Life of Dr Johnson. *Dr Johnson*, like Mr Bernard Levin whose brilliant article on this matter the other day I so much enjoyed and agreed with, had no special prejudice in favour of the lawyer. In his *London* he wrote: "Their ambush here relentless ruffians lay and here the fell Attorneys prowl for prey".

On another occasion he is recorded as saying: "I do not care to speak ill of any man behind his back but I believe the gentleman is an attorney".

On the question of professional ethics he was more sound: Boswell wrote "... We talked of the practice of *the Law. Sir William Forbes* said he thought an honest lawyer should never undertake a cause which he was satisfied was not a just one. Sir (said Dr Johnson) a lawyer has no business with the justice or injustice of the cause which he undertakes, unless his client asks his opinion, and then he is bound to give it honestly. The justice or injustice of the cause is to be decided by the judge. Consider, sir; what is the purpose of courts of justice? It is that every man may have his cause fairly tried, by men appointed to try causes. A lawyer is not to tell what he knows to be a lie; he is not to *produce what he knows to be a* false deed; but he is not to usurp the province of the jury and of the judge, and determine what shall be the effect of evidence—what shall be the result of legal argument. As it rarely happens that a man is fit to plead his own cause, lawyers are a class of the community, who, by study and experience, have acquired the art and power of arranging evidence, and of applying to the points at issue what the law has settled. A lawyer is to *do for* his client all that his client might fairly do for himself, if he could. If lawyers were to undertake no causes till they were sure they were just, a man might be precluded altogether from a trial of his claim, though, were it judicially examined, it might be found a very just claim."

But be it observed—the advocate may do for his client what the client might *fairly* do for himself. *Per fas, not per* nefas. It is into these questions that the Professional Conduct Committee of the Senate of the Inns of Court will no doubt anxiously inquire when examining recent criticisms of certain counsel. Did they avoid identifying themselves with their clients? Did they preserve that essential quality of objectivity, independence and detachment of which Lord *Eldon spoke when he said of* counsel: "He lends his exertions to all, himself to none. It is for him to argue. He is merely an officer assisting in the administration of justice."

Did they remember their "prior and perpetual retainer on behalf of truth and justice"? Certainly it is to be hoped for the honour of the Bar that they did. As Lord Tomlin said: "The intellectual honesty of lawyers is of the first importance. For them there is no moulding or ignoring of relevant facts". It would be a sorry day for the country if this were no longer true.

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Mr Shelepin may do us some good after all

The visit to Britain this week *of Mr Alexander Shelepin is not* welcome, but if it had to be held he could not have come at a better time. It reflects the attitude of the TUC leadership, which surely must have a bearing on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill and the press.

Consider for a moment the following. Neither Mr Len Murray, the general secretary of the TUC, nor any prominent trade union leader appears to be bothered by the fact that the man was the boss of the Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti, the Soviet Committee for Internal Security, or that the visit has offended many people.

Yet, with a staff totalling nearly 500,000, the KGB is the largest security organization in the world. It is the grandson of the Czarist secret police, and the son of the All-Russian Extraordinary Commission for Combating Counter-Revolution, Speculation and Sabotage (Cheka) which was founded in 1917 by the Council of People's Commissars. Between them they have killed and persecuted hundreds of thousands of people.

The KGB's two largest and most powerful directorates exist only to suppress and punish internal dissent, a vast area which has recently ranged from *following up the Soviet invasion* of Czechoslovakia to the expulsion of Solzhenitsyn. They also ran the slave labour camps and still direct the execution squads, which were active during Mr Shelepin's tenure.

Next, consider Mr Murray's determination to prevent newspapermen from reporting the visit. To deny that the visit is a matter of public interest is absurd. Security is no doubt a problem; Mr Shelepin must be one of the most hated men in the world. But democratic countries invariably manage to provide security and satisfy the public interest.

The United States is the most *obvious example. Four Presi*dents have been assassinated. The danger is ever present, as is the Secret Service, but the requirements of the press are



Mr Murray: A decent chap, but not immortal.

recognized as legitimate, and they are always met.

The Soviet Embassy yesterday arranged for a few journalists to interview Mr Shelepin, but Mr Murray seems determined *to prevent general* coverage of the visit despite the public interest. In the United States this would be known as news management. The news is now being managed by the general secretary of an organization one of whose member unions would wield the right to impose a closed shop upon the press should the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill be enacted without amendment.

Forget for a moment Mr Murray's bland shrugging off of Mr Shelepin's record, and all that it might imply, and think of what might have happened if the visit had come after the Bill had been enacted without *amendments such as those pro*posed by Lord Goodman. Would Mr Murray or the general council of the TUC have advised the National Union of Journalists not to cover it?

Ridiculous. I can hear him say, and I agree. Mr Murray, in spite of his invitation to Mr Shelepin, is, I understand, a decent chap. I have no reason to doubt it. Mr Ken Morgan, the general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, is certainly above suspicion, but neither is immortal. They could eventually be replaced by more radical men.

It can also be said that the TUC has no real control over its member unions. True, but there is no reason to assume that the swing to the left in the trade union movement will not continue. Talk of workers' control has gone much further than anyone would have thought possible only a few years ago, and should the movement succeed the nature and functions of the TUC could change.

*To suggest such possible deve*lopments is not to raise the old bogy of Reds under the bed, but to remind Mr Murray of what democratic government is all about. The United States Constitution is an obvious example if only because it is a written constitution and the democratic principles are clearly stated.

The first is the separation of powers, the second is the *system of checks and balances*, and the third is countervailing forces. Experience has proved here in Britain as well as the United States, despite all the failures and disappointments, that the measure of freedom we enjoy, inadequate as it may seem to some, is impossible without any of these principles.

The Bill would eliminate or weaken them. To my mind Mr Murray and Mr Shelepin have provided overwhelming support for Lord Goodman's amendments.

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Tories in a class of their own

I have now been a Member of Parliament for just over a year—a year which has gone past quicker than any other in my life. But already first impressions are being blunted by familiarity, and now may be the time to take stock of them before they fade.

By accident of circumstance I was unusually well informed about Parliament before I entered it. Whereas most MPs probably go into the House knowing only a handful of other MPs I must have been personally acquainted with well over a hundred.

But, however much you know about the MPs' world from outside, and however close to it you are, when you enter it you find that—like every other world—it's *different from inside.*

I am thinking here not of simple discoveries of fact, though every newcomer is astonished even by some of those—the size of the building, for instance.

Another is parliamentary procedure, as labyrinthine as the corridors; in the end you find that not even the oldest of the MPs have fully mastered it, but only a few of the *servants of the House. Another* is how very little time out of a busy life one spends in the debating chamber. I am thinking rather of political judgments and attitudes, the sorts of thing that will differ from person to person. And in my own case the biggest surprise was the inadequacy of the Conservative Party.

I am not, I believe, an unduly partisan fellow—I am not *reproached as such*, anyway, but rather for criticizing my own party more exasperatedly than I criticize others. But in my first weeks as an MP I was quite disconcerted by the low grade of material on the front bench opposite. With only one real exception, and he now relegated to the back benches, they were a row of middleweights confronting a row of heavyweights.

And to have to sit and watch them being knocked through the ropes day after day was an unheroic, embarrassing experience.

The middle reaches of the Conservative Party tell a different story. A striking number of Tory MPs in their late thirties and early forties are not only talented but modern minded and likable—an abler generation, I fear, than their equivalent in the Labour Party. I will not do any individuals the disservice *of citing them as examples, but* when they rise to the leadership of their party in the 1980s they will probably prove formidable both in the House and in their electoral appeal.

The present situation may then be reversed. But for the time being, and for some years to come, the Conservative Party is run by a team which is manifestly not up to running the country. Once I had seen it in daily operation in the flesh I needed no further explanation of how it had come to steer the ship of state into the most unnecessary social and industrial smash-up since the 1930s.

But when I talk to almost any Conservative MPs, even many of the abler ones, I am made conscious of the narrowness of their view of society. This appears at its starkest in their conception of trade unions, which they tend to talk of as if they were outside society and at enmity with it instead of consisting, as they do, of millions upon millions of perfectly decent, ordinary *British men and women.*

Beyond that, though, phrases thrown away in conversation—like "now that people all have cars" or "in any case virtually everyone's got a telephone", or "the workers all go abroad for their holidays these days"—reveal a sweeping ignorance of life in this country and, worse, a conception of "everybody" that excludes most people. The unconscious *assumption seems to be that* only the middle class are fully paid up members of society. At widest, the implied notion of the British people stops with the better off half. This limitation of outlook and empathy *is, I believe*, at the bottom of the Conservative Party's current state of collapse.

No amount of civil strife in the Labour movement unmakes the fact that the Conservative Party is in dire straits. It has been partially wiped out electorally in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and in England its strength is mostly in the south, largely in the suburbs and rural areas. Even there it is signally failing to get the support of young voters, to an extent that would have horrified its collective leadership of 20 years ago, it has shrunk to being a sectional party.

In its own interest, not to mention the country's, it needs to widen its understanding. It *might usefully make a start by* seriously attempting to understand its opponents—what the Labour Party's policy actually is, and how it is arrived at, and why; what the flow-chart of power is inside trade unions, and the limitations thus placed on their leaders; what really are the underlying values and long term aims that command assent in the Labour movement as a whole, and where the sources of *real* pressure and influence in it differ from the sources of activity and words.

On all these subjects a demonological ignorance is, I have learnt from experience, not at all uncommon among Conservative MPs.

Throughout the period I have been in the House of Commons the Labour Party has provided not only the *Government but the Opposition* too, in most important respects. On each fundamental issue—the rule of law, the freedom of the press, the degree of public intervention in the economy, Britain's membership of the EEC—the important argument is the one going on inside the Labour Party.

To some extent this is bound to be true of any party in power, especially when its majority is small and the influence open to backbenchers correspondingly great. But the weakness of the Conservative Party goes beyond the logic of the situation. And in the long run it is not conducive to *healthy democracy to have* only one party which is truly national.

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The Times Diary

Freedom fighters or terrorists?

During the visit of Mr Shelepin, the Soviet trade union boss, you will become increasingly familiar with the names of Stepan Bandera and Lev Rebet, whose names appear frequently on banners. Both were assassinated in West Germany by a KGB agent who was later decorated by Mr Shelepin. Both were leading figures and later rivals in the *Ukrainian nationalist* movement which carried on armed struggle against Poles, Russians, Germans and uncooperative Ukrainians from the early 1920s to about 1930.

Bandera was a particularly controversial figure. His own followers regarded him as an heroic freedom fighter. Polish governments, both communist and pre-communist, regarded him as a murderous terrorist. In that respect it is fair to compare the Ukrainian nationalist movement with the IRA.

In the early 1930s Bandera emerged as an active member of the nationalist movement in the Polish Ukraine. There was a great deal of brutality on both sides. In 1934 the Polish Minister of the Interior was assassinated and Bandera was imprisoned until 1939.

For a brief period the movement hoped the Nazis would support Ukrainian independence and it formed two battalions to fight with the Nazis. But when Bandera's men reached Lwow in the summer of 1941 and tried to proclaim an *independent state they and* Bandera himself, who had remained behind in Poland, were arrested and shipped off to Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

There they remained until 1944, when the Nazis thought they might be useful against the Russians. After the war Bandera and Rebet continued to promote their cause from West Germany, though many of *the agents they sent into the* Ukraine, with the help of British intelligence, were betrayed by Kim Philby.

In 1954 there was a split between Bandera, who favoured intensifying subversive activities, and Rebet, who became a more liberal political thinker concerned mainly with getting books into the Ukraine and challenging the Soviet system on ideological grounds. Rebet was regarded as the greater danger by the Russians, perhaps because they feared his ideas would spread in the more liberal atmosphere of the time. He was killed in 1957. Bandera lived another two years before the KGB caught up with him.

The Manchester Ship Canal Company might find a better way of describing the item in last month's annual announcement of results which appeared as: "Transfer to sinking fund".

Clean fun

BBC executives, when they are not writing letters to *The Times*, fill their idle moments thinking up jokes to play on the public on All Fool's Day. There was mounting excitement at Broadcasting House all over Easter, until yesterday the well-planned series of jests hit the amazed public with all the impact of a damp sponge replica of Sir Michael Swann.

The spate of spoofs began with John Timpson on Radio 4's *Today* announcing that Major John Blashford Snell had just completed a secret journey into the African interior in search of a rare tribe mentioned in Edgar Wallace's *Sanders of the River*. The venture was supposed to be part of the Wallace centenary, and the tribe were remarkable because their heads grew beneath their shoulders, giving them a stooping appearance. The chief, it was said, once left the tribe to become a lift attendant.

Today perpetrated a second jape when Desmond Lynam introduced a story about the island of Foley, between Sheppey and the Kent coast. As it had caused numerous shipwrecks, the authorities wanted to destroy it, but conservationists opposed that because of the wildlife, so it had been decided to tow the island nearer to the shore.

The BBC must think islands are particularly funny because Radio 3's attempt also involved them. David Attenborough talked about the Sheba Islands in the Pacific and introduced recordings of the fauna, including an alleged night-singing tree mouse and a web-footed species whose webs were prized as reeds for musical instruments.

On Radio 1, Noel Edmunds, a disc jockey, was heard interviewing someone who was supposed to be a famous pop star. In fact Edmunds was impersonating the celebrity and talking to himself.

None of these ruses seemed more preposterous than an Army news release which reached my desk yesterday, issued in the name of one Edgar O'Ballance. "Him I took to be the famous even-handed Irishman. This says that the Lord Mayor of Nottingham is going to hoist an officer's red jacket of the Peninsular Period up the flagpole of Nottingham Castle to celebrate Badajoz Day. That, however, is perfectly true and it happens next Sunday.

Least surprising news of the month comes in a press release for a catalogue of paper money: "Collecting paper money has become amazingly popular recently."

Scoop

Edgar Wallace's descendants and several of his fans gathered yesterday morning on the windy corner of Ludgate Circus where *the author-editor, as a school*boy, sold evening newspapers and recited parts of *Julius Caesar* to keep warm.

Penelope Wallace, his youngest daughter and organizer of the Edgar Wallace Society, climbed a step-ladder to place a wreath of carnations and freesias in the Wallace racing colours (claret and white hoops, gold cap) atop the memorial plaque placed there by the Company of Newspaper Makers in 1934.



After posing for photographs, the party moved across to St Bride's church, where Ethel Feeney, the wife of Wallace's chauffeur, opened an exhibition in the north aisle. She said that Wallace wrote more hours than he slept, and always seemed to be summing you up for inclusion in one of his novels.

Miss Wallace said Wallace's life held lessons for modern reporters. "In particular, expense accounts are meant to be spent and not pocketed", she said, quoting as an example her father's censorship-defeating scoop in reporting the bomb outrage at the wedding of King Alfonso of Spain.

"The day before, he went round the town and treated the cable clerk in the post office to drinks", said Miss Wallace, "so when the bomb went off and censorship came down, the clerk left some priority stickers where my father could reach them, and he was not only able to cable to the *Daily Mail*, but even to do it free". The paper paid off £1,000 of Wallace's debts in gratitude, and only fired him later when he had lost them £5,000 in a libel suit.

Train fever

Hundreds of excited men, some with wives and children, packed Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday, as Lord Greene, lately Sir Sidney Greene, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, presented a trophy for the most outstanding layout at the 50th Model Railway Exhibition. The exhibition, which opened on Monday, coincides with the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton to Darlington railway—the world's first public railway using steam traction for freight haulage.

The trophy—a replica of the driving wheel of a train—went to the 10-strong Mid Hants Model Railway Group which meets once a week in the back room of a Southampton pub. Mike Johns, chairman of the group and a chartered engineer with British Rail, said he was pretty elated.

Lord Greene, as is his habit, showed no obvious signs of elation, but he admitted that he was happy to be out of railway politics—especially yesterday—and in the relative peace of the House of Lords. No, he did not play with trains, but he had a collection of model engines, sent him by admirers from all over the world, and he used them to decorate his house.

The sales manager for Ronson flame products division enters our obfuscation contest with this sentence in answer to a customer's complaint about a lighter: "... the gas capacity is not as high as for a flint operated lighter. However, this should only mean that more frequent filling is required and not that the refill will not last as long."

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STRONG-ARM METHODS

Mr William Hay, chairman of the fishermen's action committee which sits in Aberdeen, is reported as saying: "The only way in which we could make our protest was by breaking the law." That happens not to be true. The laws of England and Scotland afford ample opportunity for registering protest. Not only is there the whole elastic business of "industrial action" which is well bolstered against criminal charges or civil suits. Law and practice make room for public demonstrations, protest marches and mass lobbying, although, in securing a right of protest, the attempt is made to prevent too gross an infringement of the rights of others.

Mr Hay probably meant that it is only by breaking the law that the fishermen can make their protest *effective*. That, sad to say, comes nearer to the truth. As a principle for action it is now widely believed that the sovereign remedy for a sectional grievance is public disruption. If the fishermen's illegal blockade of ports is seen to win direct concessions, the truth of the principle will be conspicuously confirmed.

It may seem harsh to pick on inshore fishermen as the subject of a lecture on observing the law. They are helping themselves to a piece of the "industrial action" very many others claim the right to use: the enforcement of demands by embroiling anyone or everyone however remote from the dispute. The economic dislocation, the direct financial loss to others, and the general inconvenience or hardship caused by the fishermen is as nothing to what has been caused by, say, the miners, who are able to do it without transgressing the law. Inshore fishermen are badly knocked by a combination of rising costs and temporarily fallen prices for landed fish. Unresolved questions about stock conservation and fishery limits create uncertainty about their future livelihood. They have cause to complain of governments' complacency concerning the common fisheries policy of the EEC once the temporary derogation in Britain's favour runs out, and their disinclination to provide for fishing the sort of assurances they are in the habit of giving for farming.

When all that is said, it remains that the fishermen have entered into a programme of unlawful disruption more serious than any which has recently been attempted in the United Kingdom for the purpose of pressing a sectional grievance. Whatever may be thought of the merits of their demands, their chosen means of enforcing them are not to be condoned. And if those means prove to be successful, they will have been condoned.

The timidity of ministers is lamentable in the face of this challenge to the efficacy of the law in its primary task of affording citizens even protection against any who would usurp its authority. No doubt they hope that if they say and do nothing "provocative" and give way a bit here and there, the whole thing will subside. And no doubt they are chary of inflaming a Scottish interest which the Scottish National Party is very well able to exploit. And so we have Mr Peart talking to fishermen's representatives after the illegal obstruction of harbours had begun, announcing palliative measures in Parliament the next day, and being told by those he hoped to placate that he was wasting his breath. Now it is the turn of Mr Hugh Brown, the minister at the Scottish Office immediately responsible for fisheries, while no one in government is prepared to do more than "regret" that forty harbours in the kingdom are unlawfully closed to shipping.

There are moments in any long retreat when it is necessary to turn and stand one's ground. This is such a moment in the long retreat by those whose duty it is to vindicate the general public interest before the ever more aggressive assertion of sectional interest. It is now necessary to show that the wholesale usurpation of public authority can fail in its objective of extracting from government concessions of financial worth. The Government should flatly declare that it has nothing to offer and nothing to say to the fishermen until they once again observe the law.

SEYCHELLES ON WAY TO INDEPENDENCE

The Seychelles seemed set for independence this year, but the conference which ended last week has had to postpone the date to mid-1976 or possibly later. The two Seychelles political parties could agree only to a coalition to work a self-governing constitution for the moment. The reason is familiar. The party that forms the government at a colony's independence is almost invariably the party that goes on ruling thereafter, collects the sweets of office, makes the rules of the game henceforth, and duly decides if there is to be an opposition at all. This has been the pattern in Africa, and the Organisation of African Unity claims these beautiful, strategic islands in the Indian Ocean for Africa.

This being so, it was hardly possible for Mr. René, the opposition leader of the Peoples United Party, to allow Mr Mancham and his Democratic Party to stay unchallenged in office at independence—particularly as Mr René's party is the radical "African" party whose rejection of any association with Britain and whose African financial backing forced Mr Mancham unwillingly to embrace independence too.

On this enforced ticket, however, Mr Mancham won the elections a year ago by thirteen legislature seats to two. Another election prior to independence would be unlikely to decisively change that outcome. So Mr René wants a new electoral system that will do more justice to his party's winning of 48 per cent of the actual votes. While not yielding to this, Mr Mancham has made significant concessions in London. Five new members are to be appointed to each party in the house to adjust the balance to eighteen to seven, and on this basis Mr. René enters the government with four cabinet seats out of twelve. From this vantage point he will be better placed to change the unfeeling verdict of the Seychellois that he is not to be the post-independence Prime Minister.

Mr Mancham only accepted independence because Whitehall was basically on Mr René's side. It does not follow that the Seychelles will fade from Britain's overseas embarrassments under the obliging and pro-British leadership of Mr Mancham. All sorts of new influences will begin acting on the islanders. The Russian fleet has an insatiable need for ever more naval facilities in ex-colonial ports, or Russian trawlers do. The opening of the Suez Canal, which next year might be permanent, will add to Russian activity. An independent Seychelles may add its voice to Mr Whitlam's and others calling for a neutralized Indian Ocean. But the incompatibility for the moment of Mr Mancham's and Mr René's interests do postpone these worries, which no doubt is a welcome relief to Whitehall, if not necessarily to the Labour Government itself.

FEWER THAN WAS THOUGHT

Mr Prentice earned the gratitude of the teaching profession by the speed with which he accepted the recommendations of the Houghton report on teachers' pay in December. However, in the past three months that gratitude has been overlaid by growing disquiet among teachers, students, and some local education authorities, at his present plans to reduce sharply the number of initial teacher training places in colleges of education. This cut-back and the associated question of class sizes in schools have much occupied the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers in Blackpool.

The issue between Mr Prentice and his advisers on the one hand and on the other the objectors to his policy led by the NUT is apparently a simple one: the Secretary of State argues that to continue to train teachers on anything like the present scale would, in the light of the declining birthrate, be wasteful of scarce resources and could even lead to unemployment among teachers; the NUT argues that the decline in the birthrate offers Mr Prentice a golden opportunity to reduce class sizes and to extend in-service education for teachers already at work.

In fact the differences between the two sides are not so clear, and they resolve themselves into arguments about the scale and timing of the cuts in teacher training places rather than about the principle itself. The NUT accepts that some cuts are necessary but suggests that they should be more modest than those announced by Mr Prentice. It points out that he has not taken sufficiently into account the rapid move towards a more heavily graduate teaching profession nor made adequate allowance for the expansion of in-service courses.

In reply Mr Prentice argues that even within the reduced total of 480,000-490,000 teachers in 1981 there would still be enough in the schools to permit the elimination of all classes with more than 30 children in the early 1980s and the expansion of education for children under five, as well as implementing the recommendations on in-service training made by the James Committee in 1972. So the debate comes to hinge on statistics about the birthrate, actual and projected, about the retirement rate of teachers, about their distribution, about the effect of a more heavily graduate intake on the structure of the teaching profession, and so on.

It is a debate that Mr Prentice wins, although not by as wide a margin as his more confident pronouncements indicate. Large classes are still a serious problem in many areas, particularly in primary schools and in secondary schools in disadvantaged city districts which find it difficult to attract enough teachers. Still, the iron logic of demography, and the equally iron logic of a present scarcity of public resources, both support his pragmatic policy rather than the more idealistic alternative of the NUT and its allies.

Two important qualifications need to be made. First, the effect on the colleges of education of large cuts in the number of places must be considered. Some will have to be closed; others merged with larger institutions of higher education, usually polytechnics. However any new arrangements must ensure that teacher education does not become the poor relation of its more academic cousins in universities or polytechnics, enlarged to include students that today would attend colleges of education.

The second qualification concerns the distribution of teachers. While the supply of and the demand for teachers may be in balance nationally, acute shortages may persist locally—and on past experience these shortages are likely to be in the very areas that have the greatest need for more generous staffing ratios. The present quota system does help to ensure a reasonable distribution of teachers throughout the country, and the recent increase in the London allowance has also helped to attract and hold more teachers in London. Another measure that might be considered is the retention of strong centres of teacher education in areas of teacher shortage.

Mr Prentice is certainly correct to adopt a rigorous attitude to the complicated question of teacher supply. But within that framework he may need to consider to what extent a technical over-supply of teachers is necessary to provide some elasticity, and in particular to offer some relief to areas of continuing shortage.

Consultants and the NHS

From Mr G. C. Tresidder

Sir, The National Health Service and the universities—following the Royal Commission on Medical Education—have recognized the importance of making maximum use of a consultant's time by creating "geographical whole-time appointments" for those who hold NHS contracts and are recognized teachers in a university.

Because of the increasing shortage of both medical and nursing staff it is all the more important that the consultant should be available whenever possible. Where the public and private wards are on the same site it does mean that during the daytime when the consultant is attending one group he is immediately available to deal with any emergency in the other group. So even while looking after private patients a consultant is on the spot for NHS patients. Such conduct of private practice parallels the principle of the "geographical whole-time appointment"—with benefit to all concerned.

There are obvious advantages of this arrangement—which Aneurin Bevan eventually realized and accepted. Firstly the consultants are at hand to attend to their patients for more of the daytime than they would be when having to travel away from their hospitals to a number of nursing homes—this is especially important now that travel in cities is so time consuming.

Secondly, it has to be remembered that a consultant is involved in other affairs as well as caring for his patients. There is teaching of his juniors in training, of medical students at teaching and associated hospitals, of nurses, radiographers and physiotherapists. Nowadays the consultant is inevitably involved in committee work.

For all of these the consultant will be fresher and have more to contribute if he is not spending his time travelling to and fro. In fact once he is away from the hospital he will be less likely to return there before going home in the evening. Thirdly, the provision of private beds and facilities on the NHS hospital site does a great deal to ensure that *both* are kept at a high standard—the work in both places being observed, and scrutinized, by the nursing staff and the consultant's assistants.

Lord Taylor has recently supported—as many other socialists do—Bevan's cry, ". . . The right to purchase privacy should be the privilege of us all". Bevan's acceptance of the insistence by the Royal Colleges and the BMA on the provision of private beds was a sound way to start to fulfil his wish—and at the same time ensured that the acquisition of privacy by some should not jeopardize the lives of others because the consultant had been driven away from his hospital to attend to private patients elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. TRESIDDER,
Haddon,
39 Forest View,
North Chingford, E4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangers present in exorcism

From Prebendary Henry Cooper

Sir, I write as a churchman who has been given some responsibility in the matter of exorcism.

We live in a religiously confused age and it is not surprising that the recovery of an essential part of the dominical charge to the Church should by some be misunderstood. Yet it is plain that in the Gospels the disciples were bidden to cast out evil as a preliminary to healing and preaching the reign of God.

Usually, for committed christians, penitence met by absolution delivers from evil, whilst for non-christians conversion sealed by holy baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit is needed. These are sacraments in which it is clear that it is Christ himself who acts, his action being assured by the audible/visible signs. The error which leads to disaster is to think of exorcism, not as a sacramental act, but as a power manipulated by men—men using God, instead of God using men.

Further study and training are needed for the clergy but the basic truth to be grasped is that exorcism is primarily a demonstration that the love and power of God are infinitely greater than any adverse power, *whatever it is*, and it is unwise to try to define it.

I moved in the Convocation of Canterbury as long ago as 1958 that the bishops should promote the study of exorcism with a view to issuing regulations to control its exercise. It is now very obvious that they must act with their proper authority (Canon 72 of 1604); but *abusus non tollit usum*. One glance at your news pages, Sir, should convince anyone that evil exists and must be overcome by good, and "only God is good".

Yours faithfully,
HENRY COOPER,
St George's,
Bloomsbury, Rectory,
6 Gower Street, WC1.
March 31.

From Bishop Kenneth Healey

Sir, Two or three times lately I have been asked privately whether I know the name of a "recognized" exorcist. To what may have seemed the rather bleak monosyllable with which I have hitherto replied, I propose to answer, to any similar enquiry, ". . . but there is an excellent spell invented some time ago by an English Franciscan: it runs 'entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem'. It might deserve the name 'Occam's Safety-Razor'."

Yours etc,
KENNETH HEALEY,
Little Needham,
Gedney Dyke,
Spalding, Lincolnshire.
March 31.

Community Land Bill

From Mr William G. Cowburn

Sir, The overdraft facilities we need to run our business are secured at the bank by a charge on the building we own and occupy as offices.

Under the Community Land Bill any extension to the premises which we might want would need planning approval, leading to the compulsory purchase of the property by the local authority, who would then lease it back to us and who would presumably require a market rent. We would lose the advantages of cheap premises, and the security for our overdraft.

We could not function afterwards.

I believe the type of overdraft arrangements we have are typical, and are the foundation of the business life of this country. Therefore a complete disruption of all our customs must come about from the passing of the Bill. Have the Government given thought to the full consequences of this legislation, in terms of the disappearance of many businesses, followed by substantial unemployment and catastrophic changes in the investment institutions?

This change will come about whether planning permission is asked for or not, because the potential loss of security posed by the Bill will be sufficient in itself to devalue all property as collateral.

A reassurance on this point from the authors of this measure, is overdue.

Yours faithfully,
W. COWBURN.
William Cowburn, Bers & Bray,
16 St George's Road,
Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.
March 24.

Power of trade unions

From Mrs Betty Dunmore

Sir, Most readers would agree with the main thesis of Mr Brendon Sewill, that Parliament—that is the people—will have to assert its power against the robber baron unions. It is the main political struggle in this country at this time.

Mr Sewill states: "If its (ie, Parliament's) cause is that of democracy, freedom, stability . . . it will find to its surprise that it has almost the whole nation on its side."

Will it? Mr Heath called the February election, hoping that just this would happen. That the voters would show they support government and order, against strikes and anarchy. The voters chickened. They did not support the government.

Partly they were confused. The union leaders, especially Len Murray, saw the danger to their power in a government victory. They became suddenly more civilized and conciliatory. It became clear that the miners would accept a not too exorbitant settlement.

Also, the voters were frightened of the unions, of the miners' power and mob pickets. They imagined—or hoped—the big unions might support a Labour Government. They were afraid of a showdown between government and unions.

Perhaps the issue became too muddied during the election; but would it be any different another time? One would like to agree with Mr Brendon Sewill that it would.

Yours sincerely,
BETTY DUNMORE,
11 King's Gardens,
Hove, Sussex.
March 24.

Private cars and public transport

From Professor David Wiggins

Sir, Professor Sir Colin Buchanan has asked for a sense of realism about the motor vehicle. It is hard to dissent from this plea.

(1) "Who is going to say 'I know you have been dreaming for years about the possibility of having a little car, and you are just at the point when you can afford it, but it's a rotten anti-social thing and I'll do my damnedest to stop you getting it'?" No informed critic of official transport policies or road plans has proposed anything resembling this. What they have proposed is either realistic road pricing calculated to reflect objectively verifiable costs and diseconomies, or various legal restrictions on certain sorts of car use (not ownership), aimed evenhandedly at every class of user, and justified in each case by reference to the interests of everybody affected.

(2) "What rubbish it is to say that people who do not actually own cars or cannot drive cannot benefit from them." Sir Colin's concern is for all socio-economic groups, but it is surprising that this concern has not led him to the sociological work which has been done on the overall decline in the personal mobility of the greater part of the population, and especially those with low incomes, resulting from the motorization of the minority. In the 10 years since the publication of *Traffic in Towns* land use policies partly attributable to the car have resulted in the closure of 50,000 small shops accessible on foot, and in the centralization of all sorts of facilities people need every day.

Catchment areas of schools are on their way to doubling in some places. Residential developments at low density require longer journeys, but are less well served by public transport. Public transport as measured by bus and car miles has declined by two-thirds. The old, the young and the car-less have paid with their independence for the benefits conferred on them by those with cars. Meanwhile traffic conditions are so bad that in outer Metropolitan areas half of the children in primary school have to be escorted to and from school twice a day by their mothers. Yet four in five women are still without even a driving licence, and according to PEP report, *Personal Mobility and Transport Policy* no more than 23 per cent of the population at large has the optional use of a car at any one time. According to the latest census two-thirds of council and new town households in England and Wales have no car.

Sir Colin also forgets that the household acts as a unit for a relatively small number of the total journeys made by its members.

(3) In *The Statist* for February 21, 1964, shortly after the publication of *Traffic in Towns*, the economist C. D. Foster took Buchanan type traffic schemes intermediate between maximum and minimum redevelopment for British towns and cities of 20,000 people or more, and costed them at £18,000 million. These were the 1964 costs to central and local government only, and took no account of private development costs. Foster said "I believe it is still likely to be an underestimate." Let us subtract from the bill what has already been built (Professor Buchanan and Mr A. G. Polson evidently think it is pitiably little), adjust the bill for the remainder to 1975 prices, and transcending the bias of motorway protestor and engineering consultant alike, simply ask whether this sum exists, and whether spending it on roads is the best of all ways of benefiting 56 million people or even the 14 million who own cars.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WIGGINS,
Bedford College,
University of London,
Regent's Park, NW1.
March 31.

From Mr Kenneth Kemp

Sir, Professor Sir Colin Buchanan has highlighted the importance of a motor car to many city centre residents, especially those with young families.

Our members, a cross-section of Westminster's some 30,000 motoring residents of all income groups, would feel the full brunt of the GLC's supplementary licensing scheme. Some of us live inside the suggested toll area, others just outside. Those inside may be faced with a demand for £20 a month to drive in their own streets. Those just outside might find themselves paying £1.25 to visit, for example, their local Westminster Hospital.

We believe that if the toll is introduced the steady trickle of people leaving central London, because of soaring rates and the destruction of local communities by development, will become a flood. Perhaps that is what the GLC wants?

Yours truly,
KENNETH KEMP, Chairman,
Westminster Motorists' Association,
108 Warwick Way, SW1.

Powers of the EEC Commission

From Mr Denzil Davies, Labour MP for Llanelli

Sir, Mr George Thomson (March 27) seeks to decry the powers of the European Commission and to assuage fears that it could prohibit a British Government from providing aids for industry. However, he conveniently ignores the substantial body of case-law established by the European Court and which demonstrates the Commission's considerable powers under Article 92 of the Treaty of Rome.

An illuminating example is provided by a recent decision of the court: *Re Aids to the Italian Textile Industry* (*December* 1974).

The Italian Government, to assist the country's ailing textile industry, sought to exempt employers from paying a portion of their social security contributions. The Commission took exception and declared that the aid was prohibited under Article 92 as being incompatible with the Common Market.

The Court upheld this view and the legal basis of its decision is reflected in the following quotations from the submission of the Advocate-General:

"There is no true Common Market in an industry spread over several countries if one of them subsidizes its own industry. Aid includes not only positive assistance in money or kind but also relieving an undertaking of a burden it would otherwise have to bear. Once it is clear that the natural consequence of aid is to increase an industry's competitiveness vis-à-vis its competitors in other member states it can be inferred that the aid distorts competition."

If the British Government, therefore, were to attempt to give aid, for example, to the motor industry or the machine tool industry, such aid, on the basis of the above case, would contravene Article 92 since both industries are in competition with others in Europe.

Mr George Thomson's well-meaning phrases would be of no avail against the hard words of the Treaty and their strict application by the court in Luxembourg

Yours faithfully,
DENZIL DAVIES,
House of Commons.
March 29.

Strategic voting

From Mr Leonard A. Jackson

Sir, Professor Royden Harrison's proposal (March 31) that Conservatives and Liberals should vote a strategic No in the referendum to bring about the downfall of the Wilson Government and the establishment of a national government is surely half-thought-through and perilous doctrine.

Who can be sure that the resulting massive No would lead to a national government? Does Professor Harrison seriously suggest that we should play games with our fellow-members of the community to bring about political change inside Britain? The other members of the EEC have suffered "renegotiation" (which, everyone knows, has been simply negotiation by the United Kingdom, as a member, inside the Community) in the expectation that the British Government would recommend a Yes to staying in once the negotiations had been concluded. Are we, those of the British people who fervently believe in remaining in Europe, now to make a nonsense of the Labour Government's late acquisition of backbone?

The national government Professor Harrison envisages would, as he indicates, proceed to ignore a large majority against remaining in the EEC, quite unable to distinguish between strategic and genuine antics! The wit of man could hardly devise a more unsatisfactory outcome to an unnecessary referendum. And what kind of future relationships could we expect with our patient friends across the Channel after these antics, whether we wished in the end to stay in or to leave?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
LEONARD A. JACKSON.
Caritas,
Heathside Lane,
Hindhead, Surrey.
March 31.

Referendum franchise

From Mr W. P. Leighton

Sir, Latest estimates put the numbers of British residents in EEC countries at between 75,000 and 100,000. No reliable figures are obtainable, because numbers are increasing daily. It seems that, while until recently the United States was the favoured goal of British emigrants, this has now been supplanted by the Continent.

The fact that British people need no work permits in the EEC and that virtually all jobs are open to them, as they are at home, is undoubtedly the reason for this trend.

British people in the EEC make substantial contributions to Britain. Apart from those who work for British firms and promote British trade directly, many others work for foreign firms and influence their policy to a greater or less degree, with beneficial results for the United Kingdom. The great majority remit home part of their earnings. All influence their surroundings, consciously or otherwise, promoting readier acceptance of British ideas, British standards and British taste.

A British withdrawal from the EEC would jeopardize all this.

It must not be supposed that European governments would continue towards British nationals as liberal an employment policy as now, or even as it was before British entry, should Britain withdraw. There are now millions of unemployed all over Europe. Everywhere measures are already being taken to reduce the numbers of foreigners working, other EEC nationals only excepted.

The abrogation of the Common Market agreements would most probably involve the greater number of Britons abroad in considerable difficulty. It would certainly put out of reach the opportunities which now exist and might even cause many of those now abroad to return, jobless and a charge on the community at home.

In the referendum, however, these very people, who make this tremendous contribution to the United Kingdom and whose very livelihood is at stake, are to be largely disenfranchized.

I ask, Sir, is this fair? is it right? is it even constitutional? No right-thinking person can answer this other than in the negative.

Yours faithfully,
W. P. LEIGHTON,
The British Representation Committee, Hamburg,
2 Hamburg 54,
Mesterfeld 6.
March 24.

Responsibilities and rewards

From Superintendent K. Rivers

Sir, I read with interest in yesterday's edition of *The Times* (March 25) of the earnings of members of Leeds United football team for the 1973-74 season, particularly of one unnamed player who is reported as earning between £22,500 and £25,000.

Although I am not in a position to question whether such payments are a true reward for the efforts and skill supplied I would, as the officer temporarily in charge of the police station at which the late PC Tibble served, who you may remember was fatally shot on February 26 this year while attempting to arrest a man, like to draw a comparison between their earnings and his.

The late PC Tibble's basic pay for a year's work was just £1,676.

Yours sincerely,
K. RIVERS,
89 Burdon Lane,
Cheam,
Surrey.

The fishing dispute

From Mr S. W. Alexander

Sir, British fishermen blockade against fishing vessels from Norway and other countries wishing to land their catches at British ports. They complain that they are suffering from the high costs resulting from inflation and that cheap fish from foreign vessels menaces their livelihood.

Their complaint against inflation is fully justified but will a policy denying British housewives the opportunity to buy cheaply do anything to abate the inflation? It will not. It will exacerbate the problem. We have also had recently complaints from British producers against the importation of cheap eggs, cheap beef and cheap textiles. For the particular interests involved these are serious matters but in the face of the great economic crisis in which our country is involved it is vital that the situation should be considered in its broader aspects.

The first requirement to stop inflation is that there should be drastic economies in many sectors of our national life—especially in those sectors like local authority spending where there is little or no productive element. The second requirement is that a limitation in the volume of money in circulation as a result of economies should be made more valuable by allowing the people to buy food and all else from the cheapest market and from the soils, seasons and climates of the whole world. For several years the British people have been told by politicians that never again will they be allowed to buy cheaply. The resistance to cheap imports and a fall in world prices which may well become more evident before the end of this year will show how very wrong those predictions have been.

It is true that we are experiencing excessive imports of overseas manufactures. That position can be only dealt with by restoring the competitive ability of our own manufactures. Cheap food imports can be a maior factor in stopping inflation and raising the real value of the peoples wages and savings and creating a situation in which British manufactures can compete with overseas manufacturers in our own and overseas markets.

In recent times many fishermen have received large incomes and doubtless many of them too have saved money for a rainy day. Being mostly men of goodwill they should call off their blockade and help their country to deal with a situation which is much bigger than their own. Our government too should stop conspiring with foreign governments to put up prices against the British people.

Yours truly,
S. W. ALEXANDER, President.
Free Trade League,
44 Speed House,
Barbican, EC2.
March 29.

London students' grants

From Professor A. R. Kiralfy and others

Sir, Universities must once again look to the Government to settle the student grant for the coming year. We would be grateful for the opportunity of putting forward the peculiar position of students in London as exemplified in this hall of residence of the University of London.

The University now rightly pays a London weighting to all staff of £399 per annum, in accordance with the advice of the Government-sponsored pay board. While the University has received some supplementation for the extra cost, as far as residences are concerned, the University Grants Committee directives require, however, that these extra costs are borne by the residential account, ie, that they fall on student fees. But the London allowance in the student grant is at present only £60.

It needs no elaboration of this disparity to show how desperate is the state of residential accounts in the capital's universities. Our own hall is run on simple lines with self-service catering and we have exercised many economies. It offers little more than simple food, a roof over the student's head and, above all, a place where he is encouraged to work at his studies. We will have to charge £466 per annum to continue to do so.

There is therefore an urgent need to review the student grant and, in particular, the element of London allowance, to see that realistic account is taken of costs imposed in London. We believe that this London allowance element should be at least £120 on top of a basic grant of £800. More broadly, we feel that the public, when informed of the way such impositions have arisen, are likely to accept the justice of a case made by resort to reason, and for this we may thank the courtesy of your columns.

Yours faithfully,
ALBERT KIRALFY, Chairman.
R. TEASDALE, Student President,
J. LEWINS, Warden.
Hughes Parry Hall,
University of London,
Cartwright Gardens, WC1.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 1: The Princess Margaret, *Countess of Snowdon*, this morning presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Children's League, held at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness was later entertained at luncheon at the Albany Hotel by the Variety Club of Great Britain and received a donation for the Dockland Settlements, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The Princess Margaret, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

CLARENCE HOUSE

April 1: The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester has been appointed the first Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Lady Serena Bridgeman is chairman of Spring Fever, an extravaganza to be held at Quaglino's banqueting rooms on Thursday, May 1, in aid of KIDS.

The Flower Ball, organized by the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, will be held on Wednesday, May 21, in the garden of The Rectory, 56 Old Church Street, Chelsea, by permission of Prebentary E. H. Loasby.

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret attends gala opening of National Ballet of Canada, in aid of Royal Academy of Dancing and Cecchetti branch of Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, London Coliseum, 7.20.

"A Song to Sing O", exhibition marking centenary of D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6.

Lecture: Roundheads and Cavaliers, by Launce Gribbin, Victoria and Albert Museum, 11.

Royal Mews, open to the public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4.

Birthdays today

Mr Jack Brabham, 49; Sir Paul Chambers, 71; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, 71; Major-General Sir Stuart Greeves, 78; Sir Alec Guinness, 61; Lord Segal, 73.

Dinner

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr L. Friedman, chairman of the Bulgarian section of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was host at a dinner held yesterday in honour of Mr P. Penkov, president of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Bow School, Durham

The Governors of Durham School announce that Mr John Quash has been appointed Headmaster of Bow School to succeed Mr C. L. Adamson, headmaster, and Mrs Adamson upon their retirement in September, 1976.

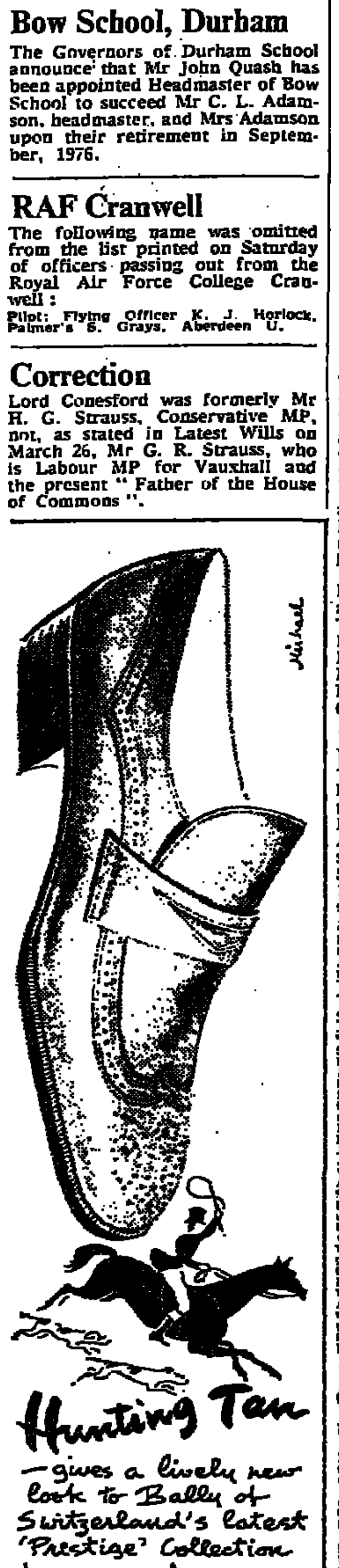
RAF Cranwell

The following name was omitted from the list printed on Saturday of officers passing out from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell:

Pilot: Flying Officer K. J. Horlock, Palmer's 6. Grays, Aberdeen U.

Correction

Lord Conesford was formerly Mr H. G. Strauss, Conservative MP, not, as stated in Latest Wills on March 26, Mr G. R. Strauss, who is Labour MP for Vauxhall and the present "Father of the House of Commons".



Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant-Commander M. H. T. Alford, RN (Rtd) and Miss V. A. B. Boyter-Smee

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Mark Alford, of 4 Millington Road, Cambridge, younger son of the late Group Captain and Mrs F. R. Alford, and Valerie, daughter of the late Mr John Boyter-Smee, and of Mrs Eileen Boyter-Smee, of Harlings, Mark Cross, Sussex.

Mr J. Charrington and Miss P. K. Clarke

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Jack Charrington and Mrs Charrington, of the Old Vicarage, Wickhambrook, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Pamela Kay, second daughter of the late Colin Clarke and Mrs Clarke, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr N. W. C. Cleveland-Stevens and Mrs C. M. B. Drinkwater

The engagement is announced between Nicholas William, son of Mr and Mrs Cleveland-Stevens, of Montacute House, Tunbridge Wells, and Caroline Mary, daughter of the late Mr Ernest Dear, and of Mrs Dear, of Sleaford Lincolnshire.

Mr D. C. Cohen and Miss C. E. Langton

The engagement is announced between Daniel Charles, younger son of Mrs Malka Cohen and the late Mr B. H. Cohen, of 29 Tillingbourne Gardens, London, N3, and Clare Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Langton, of 2 Elm Tree Close, London, NW8.

Mr D. A. Gilmour and Miss S. E. Hunter

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Allan Gilmour, Invernauld, Rosehall, Sutherland, and Sheena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Hunter, Radbrook Cottage, Binfield Heath, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr J. E. Holmes and Miss M. P. Morris

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. H. Holmes, of Penwortham, Lancashire, and Penelope, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Rev E. I. and Mrs Morris, *of Uzmaston, Pembrokeshire.*

Mr C. Meredith and Miss H. R. King

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place at St Mary's Church, Waverley, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, on April 5, 1975, of Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs Keith Meredith, of Bondi Junction, and Helen, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs George King.

Mr M. J. Sakin and Miss L. E. Mercer-Deadman

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr J. Sakin and of Mrs J. Sakin, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Mercer-Deadman, also of Beaconsfield.

Mr N. R. Scott Plummer and Mrs L. M. Spencer

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly in France between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs G. J. Scott Plummer, of Old Village Hall, Walderton, Chichester, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. R. Carling, of Moustows, Henfield.

Mr J. A. Shepard and Miss M. C. Hubbard

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr Jack Shepard, of Loxwood, Sussex, and the late Mrs Patricia Shepard, and Marigold, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Hubbard, of Mill Meadow, Brasted, Kent.

Mr A. E. C. Silver and Miss J. C. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs George Silver, of 17 Charlbury Road, Oxford, and Judith, *daughter of Mr and Mrs* Leslie Jackson, of Devon Lodge, 66 London Road, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Marriages

Mr R. Kornicki and Lady Lepel Phipps

The marriage took place on March 31 at St Oswald's, Lythe, between Mr Richard Kornicki, son of Mr and Mrs F. Kornicki, and Lady Lepel Phipps, eldest daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Normanby.

Dr A. L. Jolly and Mrs M. G. H. Browne

The marriage took place in Durban on March 3 between Dr Bill Jolly and Mrs Marjorie Browne, widow of Mr B. C. Browne, both of Balsham, Cambridge.

RN promotions

Provisional selections for promotion to captain on the Special Duties List, Royal Marines, to date April 1, are confirmed. Provisional selections for promotion on the Special Duties List to date October 1, are as follows:

SEAMAN: to Commander: J. G. Ross, J. J. Purry.
ENGINEERING: to Commander: K. T. W. Martin, K. R. Aldridge.
MEDICAL SERVICES: to Commander: A. A. Jackson.
ROYAL MARINES: to Captain: T. D. Thompson.

The following promotions on the Special Duties List have been approved with effect from April 1.

SEAMAN: to Lieutenant-Commander: D. J. Leach, G. R. Martindale, R. H. W. Bunting, W. A. Nicholson, L. K. Lindsay, R. H. Farmer, N. Bickford, M. Goacher.
ENGINEERING: to Lieutenant Commander: P. Redpath, G. T. Richardson, L. F. Dodridge, R. S. Collins, L. F. Porter, R. G. Chaffey, K. G. Bowen, J. H. A. Morley, G. A. C. Woods, J. R. Taylor, G. H. White, B. L. J. Maddock. *To temporary Lieutenant:* T. Ashman, T. H. Smith.
SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT: to Lieutenant-Commander: J. Arnott, D. B. Christie, M. R. Cooke.
MEDICAL SERVICES: to Lieutenant-Commander D. M. C. Pope.
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WRNR: to First Officer: M. A. Guy; to Second Officer: E. P. Simpson, F. A. Stephenson, M. H. Wright, L. R. Barley.

Church news

Latest appointments include:

The Rev H. F. Ingamells, Vicar of Horbury Junction, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar of Monk Bretton, same diocese.

The Rev G. J. B. Stickland, curate of Tetbury with Beverston, diocese of Gloucester, to the newly constituted benefice of Hardwicke, same diocese.

The Rev D. J. Young, team vicar in the parish of Frecheville and Hackenthorpe, diocese of Sheffield, to be vicar of St Philip's, Chaddesden, diocese of Derby.

Diocese of Chichester

The Rev M. E. G. Allen to be Vicar of West Hoathly.

The Rev F. J. Hawkins, lecturer and tutor to Chichester Theological College, to be Vicar of St Mary's, East Grinstead.

The Rev D. E. W. Lockyer, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels', Eastbourne, to be Vicar of Preston (St John's) Brighton.

Diocese of Newcastle upon Tyne

The Rev J. K. Young, Rector of Bowers Gifford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be curate at Otterburn, in charge of Kirkwhelpington with Kirkheaton.

The Rev R. S. Giles, curate of St George's, Stevenage, diocese of St Albans, to be priest-in-charge of St Paul's, Howdon Panns.



Lady Spencer-Churchill, who was 90 yesterday, with her grandson, Mr Winston Churchill, MP, during a family luncheon at Claridge's Hotel.

Stately homes to ask for tax petition signatures

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The growing campaign for works of art, including historic houses, to be exempted from the Government's proposed wealth tax is given valuable support in *Accountancy*, the journal of the *Institute of Chartered Accountants.*

Professor Cedric Sandford, Professor of Political Economy at Bath University, suggests that there is an overwhelming argument for exemption conditional upon the public's being allowed reasonable access.

As the proposals stand, "the art owner who planned to leave his collection to the nation may be so enraged at what he perceives as gross injustice that he will sell abroad instead rather than attempt, in the face of the wealth tax, to hang on to his collection for the benefit of an ungrateful nation", Professor Sandford writes.

"The main objective of public policy on works of art should be public display rather than public *ownership. The state and the* public would be getting a good bargain by public display in return for tax exemption", he adds.

A petition expressing deep concern at the threat to "historic houses, their works of art, to gardens, landscapes, museums and art galleries arising from existing and proposed taxes", is to be displayed for the public to sign at more than 500 houses this summer.

Careless child as cause of many a road casualty

Lack of attention to traffic by young children is the chief cause of accidents involving child pedestrians, the Transport and Road Research Laboratory states after a one-year survey of such accidents in Hampshire.

Only a small proportion of accidents could be attributed to misjudgment on the part of the child, it says. In 90 per cent of cases the child reported partial or complete lack of attention.

Play, or some other form of distraction, was associated with more than a quarter of the accidents. Inadequate supervision contributed to more than a third of accidents involving children of under school age.

A study of 474 accidents showed that more than a quarter of the injured children were on a school journey. But only a third of the schoolchildren injured between 4 and 5 pm, the peak hour for child pedestrian accidents, were coming from school.

Memorial service

Mr A. C. Whitby

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Anthony Whitby was held yesterday at All Souls', Langham Place. The Rev Michael Mayne officiated and gave an address, and there were readings by Miss Andrée Melly, Mr William Franklyn, Mr Francis Matthews, Mr Clive Morton and Mr Frank Muir.

Second TV commercial channel is sought

By A Staff Reporter

An additional television channel financed from advertising revenue is advocated by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers in evidence submitted to the Annan committee on the future of broadcasting.

The society says that two commercial channels would provide the competition between operators and between regions that advertisers believe is essential, and that would best serve viewers' interests.

Long-term predictions of advertising expenditure are difficult, if not impossible, at present, the society says. But it finds no evidence that the amount of money available for television advertising after 1979 will be a smaller proportion of the gross national product than it was before 1974.

"It is therefore reasonable to assume that an additional commercial channel could be financed from advertising revenue, and that this would have the considerable benefit to the viewer of holding down the licence fee", the society says. "There is evidence to show that viewers would prefer financing by advertising to a higher licence fee."

The society seeks no increase in the amount of advertising time allowed on television, because that might be both unacceptable to viewers and self-defeating for advertisers.

Claimants' unions plan campaign for change

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A national campaign to increase and extend supplementary benefits will be launched next Tuesday by 70 claimants' unions throughout Britain. More than two hundred claimants are expected to picket local social security offices, seeking support for a petition asking for three basic changes to the system.

The petition will ask for supplementary benefits to be linked to the cost of living and raised regularly in line with price increases; for family allowances to be paid in full and not deducted from benefit; and for the long-term addition to be paid after six months, instead of two years.

Supplementary benefits are normally raised annually, in line with the increase in the cost of living over the previous year. The long-term rate, paid to all claimants except the unemployed, is increased in relation to the increase in average earnings.

The claimants' unions argue that the gap between increases is too long, although the Government has reduced it by uprating benefits roughly every eight months since last July because of the rate of inflation.

Miss Carol Biggs, of the National Federation of Claimants' Unions, said: "The basic benefit is inadequate and should be raised to a level nearer the actual cost of living, and kept there by regular increases."

Ramblers' Association suffers £25,000 loss

By a Staff Reporter

The Ramblers' Association lost £28,697 last year for reasons connected with difficulties in the travel industry, according to the association's annual report, published today.

The report explains that last July, Ramblers' Association Services, an independent but associated body in the travel business, had to revoke covenants under which it paid £20,000 annually into the association's funds. Mainly because of that, the association suffered a "huge deficit". Even special funds were absorbed, and the association had to apply for maximum assistance from its trust.

"Had it not been for the fighting fund and the trust", the report says, "the association would have undoubtedly been driven into bankruptcy." The shock to the association's finances is described as "traumatic".

The association said that, like most other charities and voluntary bodies, it and its benefactors had suffered because of inflation. The association had doubled its subscription for 1975 and that did not seem to have had any notable effect on membership, now at a record level of 32,331.

Fewer footpaths and bridleways were officially closed or diverted in 1974 than in 1973, mostly because of local government reorganization. Diversion orders made in England and Wales under the Highways Act, 1959, fell by 41 per cent to 374, and extinguishments dropped by 58 per cent to 171.

The report also reflects the greater use being made by ramblers of legal action to keep footpaths open, and quotes two successful prosecutions, in Sussex and Denbighshire.

It also complains of the delays in opening up new long-distance paths such as the North Downs Way, and the Wolds Way, and of the inadequate state of some already opened, for example the South West Peninsula Coast Path and the Ridgeway.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, April 1, 1950

Aiding the Eskimo

From Our Ottawa Correspondent

The Department of Resources and Development has issued a new edition of the *Book of Wisdom for Eskimos*, an illustrated manual of instruction that has won great popularity among the Eskimos since it was first published in 1947.

The original text of the Arctic handbook was in Eskimo syllabics and English, but the new edition includes a new section in the Eskimo language. Roman characters are used so that the section will be understood by Eskimos in both the eastern and western Arctic.

The *Book of Wisdom* is a sort of simplified domestic encyclopaedia for help and guidance of the Eskimo family. It offers advice on many kinds of daily problems, from how to feed babies to the proper way to spend family allowances and the best method of cleaning a rifle.

New city 'needs refuge for battered wives'

Battered wives in the new city of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, should be able to seek refuge from their husbands at any time of the day or night, local councillors said yesterday.

In its first report, a working party has called for a hostel for the women and their children. The group was set up by the council after the local police had reported dealing with more than 500 matrimonial disputes in a year.

Councillor Ernest Sculthorp, chairman of the group, says in the report: "We are satisfied that the need for a refuge for battered wives within Milton Keynes has been established. If a voluntary body will operate a refuge the borough should make suitable accommodation available."

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Captain (Commodore) R. W. Halliday to be promoted rear-admiral and to be Commander British *Navy Staff Washington*, Naval Attaché Washington, and United Kingdom National Liaison Representative to Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in succession to Rear-Admiral L. R. Bell Davies.

Mr E. S. Carter to be Deputy Director-General, Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Dr J. A. Maraj, Commonwealth Assistant Secretary-General, a Trinidadian, to be Vice-Chancellor of South Pacific University, Suva.

University news

Wales

Dr J. P. Cooper, PhD, DSc (Reading), MSc (Wales), deputy chief scientific officer, has been appointed director of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station.

Belfast

Appointments to lectureships:

Architecture: B. Jeffers. Social studies: D. S. Sethi, BA (Durham), W. G. Dowd, MA (NUI).

Grants:

£34,075 from the Science Research Council to the department of mechanical engineering for research on aero-acoustic vibration in heat exchanger units, under Professor B. Crossland and Dr I. S. Donaldson: £12,860 from the British Heart Foundation to the department of physiology to cover costs in connexion with research under Dr J. D. Allen.

Hull

R. A. Peace, senior lecturer in Russian studies at Bristol University, has been appointed to the newly instituted chair of Russian studies.

Archaeology report

Colchester: Filling in the gaps

Rescue excavations in Colchester's town centre over the past three years have led notably to the discovery of the legionary fortress and, combined with exhaustive topographical research and a re-appraisal of earlier excavation have provided a complete, albeit in parts conjectural, picture of the town's development from a Roman military base to a medieval and modern borough.

Based at Colchester before the Roman invasion was an Iron Age community of considerable influence and wealth. Its status in Britain was such that Emperor Claudius considered it worthwhile to cross the Channel to lead his victorious army into the settlement; its military potential so great that a legionary fortress was built within the heart of its vast defences.

In dealing with the early period of the town's history, archaeologists are fortunate in having a sound historical basis on which to work. The first phase of the Roman invasion was AD 43; the garrison at Colchester was withdrawn and the town founded in AD 49; and the new town, along with Roman London and St Albans, was burnt down by Boudicca and her rebellious followers in AD 60. That sequence has been particularly useful in clarifying the relationship between the fortress and early town.

The fortress, 30 acres in size, was protected by a surrounding ditch about 8ft deep and a bank more than 10ft wide. Several military tombstones have been found over the past hundred years, and it is clear from their dedications that the fortress was the home of the Twentieth Legion. The archaeological evidence suggests the probable existence of a smaller fort predating the fortress, implying that the latter was not founded immediately after the start of the Roman invasion. We can, therefore, suppose that the military occupation of the fortress dates to c AD 44-49.

Parts of several military buildings, mostly barrack blocks, have been excavated, and it was discovered that sections of some of them remained in use long after the rest had been demolished—until AD 60, when they were destroyed by fire. The implication must be that some of the military buildings were used in the new town. Furthermore, the striking similarities between the street layout of the early Roman town within the old legionary area and that of some Roman legionary fortresses leads to the conclusion that the new town was no purpose-built affair, as has always been supposed, but substantially the fortress reused and modified. The new town, although certainly smaller in population, was larger in area than the fortress and, apparently, included a group of public buildings laid out afresh on its eastern side.

Of considerable importance to our knowledge of Colchester's history was the recent discovery of two pagan Saxon huts. One of them was of particular interest, since it could be demonstrated that it had been built up against the wall of a dilapidated Roman house. The huts and the pagan Saxon pottery found, not only during the recent archaeological work but also from earlier excavation, indicates that Colchester had a post-Roman population dating from the fifth to about the seventh century. Other Roman towns have produced evidence of Saxon occupation in their vicinity, and many questions about those Saxons remain unanswered. Certainly it is hard to imagine what the attraction was of the ghost towns. Did, for example, some of the Colchester Saxons live in parts of the Roman houses as one of the huts might suggest?

The fate of Colchester's early Saxon population is not known, but no pottery or other evidence has come to light to suggest that the town was inhabited in the eighth or ninth centuries, and it seems likely, therefore, that it was deserted then.

In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Edward the Elder is recorded as coming to Colchester in the early tenth century to repair what was broken after the forceful eviction of the Danes. He founded several towns and refortified others as part of his campaign against the Danish, so it is quite possible that he refounded Colchester. A late Saxon defensive ditch recently discovered just outside the Roman town wall may date to Edward's time. In general, however, the archaeological evidence, limited as it is, certainly proves occupation of the town in the immediate pre-Norman Conquest period; but not necessarily as early as the first part of the tenth century.

By comparing the property boundaries of nineteenth-century Colchester with the underlying alignments and streets of the buried Roman town, it is apparent that the geography of modern and medieval Colchester owes little to its ancient predecessors. There are, however, notable exceptions. The two main streets of the town are still on the same alignment as the Roman ones underneath; the principal reason must be the continued use of the main town gateways. A few groups of property boundaries coincide with the Roman ones underneath, which, combined with several examples of the reuse of Roman walls in medieval buildings in Colchester, suggests that a little at least of the Roman town survived into the medieval period to do more than provide a convenient source of building materials.

A close examination of the parish boundaries in conjunction with such topographical details as the location of the churches in relation to the High Street and the position and shapes of the streets suggests very strongly that the medieval street system evolved neither all at once nor purely by chance, but was the result of several pieces of calculated town development closely related to the foundation of parishes and parish churches. It is possible, furthermore, to postulate dates for the creation of some of the streets and parishes, although such dates are, of course, highly conjectural.

The pace of redevelopment in Colchester is such that the need for excavations will continue unabated for many years to come, and it is hoped by careful selection of sites gradually to verify, clarify or perhaps refute the various parts of the new picture obtained of the past.

By Philip Crummy, Director, Colchester Archaeological Unit.

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OBITUARY

MR NORMAN CAPENER

Distinguished orthopaedic surgeon

Mr Norman Capener, CBE, who died on March 30 at the age of 76, was one of the best known orthopaedic surgeons of the post-1918 era. Although he spent almost the whole of his professional career in Devon, his reputation was national and he was universally recognized as one of the pioneers in extending the benefits of orthopaedics in the service of the community, notably in accident prevention.

He was equally advanced in his views on the necessity of his speciality, taking full advantage of this technological age, as exemplified by his enthusiasm for bio-engineering.

Norman Leslie Capener was born on May 4, 1898, and educated at the City of London School and St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School. While holding house appointments at St Bartholomew's Hospital he took the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and served a period as chief assistant in the surgical professorial unit.

In 1926 there followed a spell in the United States as instructor in anatomy and assistant professor of orthopaedics at Michigan University.

Then in 1931 he settled in Exeter where he was to spend the rest of his long and distinguished professional career, putting Exeter on the orthopaedic map and creating there one of the leading orthopaedic centres in the country. As orthopaedic surgeon to the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and other hospitals in Plymouth and Devon, he developed an orthopaedic service of which the South-West of England has every reason to be proud and for which it will ever be in his debt.

His outlook, however, was never parochial and his services were continually in demand by his fellow surgeons and his fellow orthopaedic surgeons. He was a member of the council of the Royal College of England for many years and vice-president from 1971 to 1973. In addition he was the Robert Jones lecturer in 1958 and the Vicary lecturer in 1971.

He also served as president of the British Orthopaedic Association and of the orthopaedic section of the Royal Society of Medicine. From 1964 to 1971 he was consultant adviser in orthopaedics to the Ministry of Health.

His activities were by no means restricted to a narrow professional sphere. He was one of the founders of the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention and for long its very active chairman.

He was also chairman of the Institute of Sports Medicine, and in 1969 he was one of the sectional vice-presidents of the British Association. His interest in advancing the technology of his speciality was shown by his chairmanship of the British Standards Institution Commission on Surgical Implants, and the Committee for Research into appliances for the disabled.

MR IOAN LLOYD POWELL

Mr Ioan Lloyd Powell, the pianist, who died last week at the age of 86, became much respected as a musician and a personality in Vancouver, where with his Canadian wife he had lived since not long after the end of the Second World War.

Of Welsh descent—in early public appearances in England he was often referred to as "the Welsh pianist"—at the age of 10 he entered the Royal College of Music. He there held scholarships and won the Hopkinson Gold Medal for the best performance of a pianoforte concerto.

His musical education was completed in Berlin and Basle, where he was a member of Busoni's famous Master Class. Before the First World War, during which he spent some time playing for the troops both here and in Flanders, he gave recitals in Paris and Berlin as well as in London, and was hailed by the critics as a pianist of exceptional talents.

He became Professor of Pianoforte at the Royal College of Music. His work as an examiner for the Associated Board allowed him to indulge a passion for travel, and entertaining letters home to his family and friends told of strange and happy encounters in Java and Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand, countries in which his recitals delighted audiences, not at that time always able to hear professional soloists in classical music.

In Canada he was well known as a performer on radio and as a teacher. He will be affectionately remembered by many who benefited from his wise and devoted tuition.

MAJOR EDWIN SARSFIELD-HALL

Major Edwin Geoffrey Sarsfield-Hall, CMG, has died, aged 88, three days after publishing his autobiography. The book, *From Cork to Khartum*, covered 50 years from 1886 to 1936.

It told of his boyhood in Cork, his youth at Dublin and Cambridge Universities, and his career in the Sudan Civil Service, which he joined in 1908. He held a number of senior administrative posts including those of district commissioner and provincial governor. He was a lieutenant-colonel in the Egyptian Army, was mentioned in dispatches twice, and awarded the Order of the Nile. He retired in 1936.

He later held appointments in industry in Cumberland. He was a deputy lieutenant of Cumbria and lived at Skiddaw Lodge, Keswick.

PETER BAMM

Peter Bamm, the German surgeon and author, has died at the age of 77.

His real name was Curt Emmrich and he was educated at the universities of Munich, Göttingen and Freiburg. He saw service in the First World War winning the Iron Cross, first class. After the war he travelled widely as a ship's doctor and also contributed to the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* and *Deutsche Zukunft.*

In the Second World War he was a surgeon in a horse-drawn medical unit serving in the Crimea and the Caucasus. His experiences he recounted in *The Invisible Flag* which was translated into six European languages. He was widely known for his books on religious subjects which included *The Kingdoms of Christ* and *Early Sites of Christianity.*

MR W. WALTON BUTTERWORTH

Mr W. Walton Butterworth, a former United States Minister in London, has died in New York, aged 71. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Worcester College, Oxford, from 1925 to 1927, United States Ambassador to Sweden, 1950-53, and Ambassador to Canada 1963-68.

He was a popular diplomat in Britain and as Second Secretary at the United States Embassy in London and Special Representative of the Treasury Department from 1934 to 1941, he did much to ease the early difficulties of wartime lease-lend. He was United States Assistant Secretary of State in 1949.

MR TEDDY BAIRD

Mr Dallas Bower writes:

Teddy Baird will be sadly missed by his many colleagues and friends in British film production. Before becoming a producer in his own right, Baird was in great demand as an assistant director and production manager, by no means solely on account of his quite exceptional competence but for his gaiety, wit, and unfailing kindness. He was production manager on the first film ever made specifically for BBC Television which I had the privilege to direct. That it was made within budgeted cost and schedule in difficult circumstances was primarily due to my being fortunate enough to have had Teddy Baird at my side.

Colonel Herbert Harvey, OBE, MC, who served with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in both world wars, has died at the age of 81. He was county commandant and honorary colonel of the Somerset Army Cadet Force, 1957-61. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for Somerset.

£75,000 Premium Bond prizewinner

The £75,000 April Premium Bond winning number is ET 635588. The winner lives in Lancashire.

The £25,000 number is 1 FT 658553, the winner lives in Cheshire.

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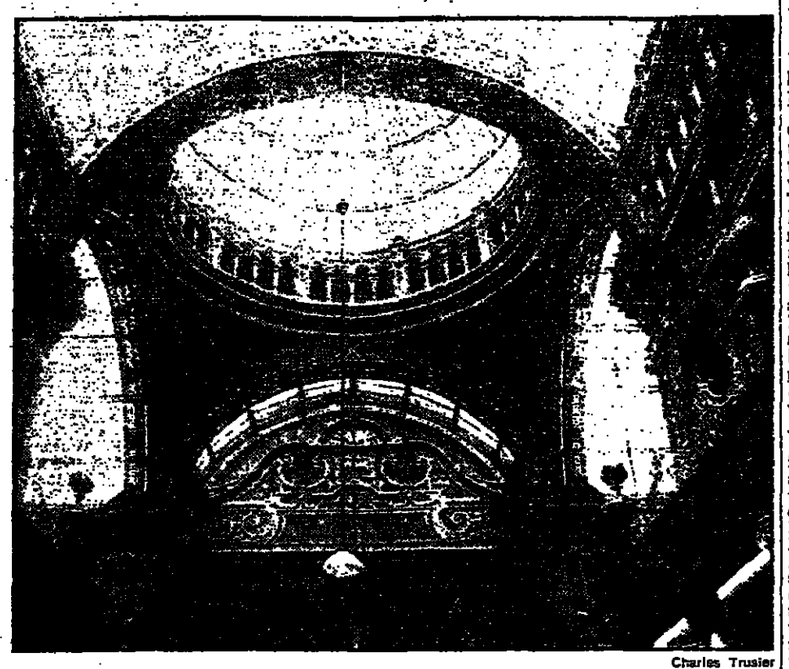
West Yorkshire

a Special Report

Powerful impact on new area by five district councils

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Members discuss the day's business at the Wool Exchange, Bradford (left). Detail of the ornate ironwork of the County Arcade, Leeds (right).

Local authorities have by common consent had a difficult year since reorganization on April 1, 1974, and West Yorkshire, one of the six new metropolitan counties, is no exception.

It has had its teething troubles and its critics, and they probably will not vanish just because the county has celebrated its first birthday. But what is undeniable is the will of the members and officers to make the reorganized county work. They believe they have a team capable of bringing not only benefit to the people of West Yorkshire but prosperity to the region around them. Already they are looking outside the confines of the new county boundaries to the wider area of traditional Yorkshire embracing surrounding counties. What is more they have their eyes directed towards Europe.

The metropolitan county of West Yorkshire is the fourth largest local authority in the country in terms of population and the largest of the metropolitan authorities in area; it covers more than 500,000 acres and has a population of 2,079,373 according to the latest figures.

It was created out of part of the old West Riding to draw under one umbrella the five industrial centres of Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Wakefield and Halifax and broadened to include semi-rural and rural hinterlands as well as the urban areas. Thus while it can claim to be one of Britain's most important industrial centres it is largely rural in character with countryside ranging from pastoral lowland to open Pennine moorland.

The five districts making up the county are Leeds and Bradford which speak, proudly, for themselves; Wakefield which houses the county headquarters, as it did for the West Riding; Calderdale containing Halifax and leaning west to the borders of Lancashire; and Kirklees better identified as containing Huddersfield, Batley and Dewsbury.

These five make up a powerful scrum and when they all push together the resulting heave could make a big impact on the area. It has not happened yet and nobody pretends that the county has yet won the complete trust of the district. It is pointed out, however, that one year is not long enough—the reorganization of London after all is 10 years old. Nevertheless, there are encouraging signs of cooperation between the previously independent county boroughs and the new county.

It is not only the component parts of the county but their geographical position that give West Yorkshire an optimistic view of the future. Mr Rodney Brooke, director of administration, firmly believes that "the key to prosperity lies in communications". He adds: "With the revival of the coal industry, we are in the pole position."

West Yorkshire sits astride the coast-to-coast axis of the M62 motorway which will soon link Liverpool with Hull, while the M1 and A1 come up from the south and Midlands. Apart from the rail services, the Leeds-Bradford airport provides another link and already thoughts are turning to the possibility of—and possible location for—a regional airport to serve the whole area.

Mr Eddy Newby, the leader of the county council, admits that this first year has been difficult and that there have been more problems to face than achievements to announce.

One of the difficulties of the new county has been public transport. The county took over seven bus operations, four municipal and three from the National Bus Company. Attempts to produce a standardized fares structure have been hindered inevitably by the NBC operations to which the county gave a subsidy in order to approach some parity. Mr Newby feels that it is essential for the county to take over the NBC for greater efficiency and the council is making approaches towards that end.

Likewise concessionary fares. The county took over a system which included 30 different sets of fares. It now provides concessions for senior citizens, the blind and other handicapped people at a cost of £2.5m. The council rejected similar concessions for nurses and schoolchildren because of the extra cost involved.

Central to the activities of the county, of course, are the costs and expenditure. The county had, like all other local authorities, to make cuts in their 1974-75 budgets at government request. And that meant accepting some lower standards of service and the deferment of moves towards a uniformity of standards and service throughout the county. The continuation of restrictions in 1975-76 means that this situation will be prolonged.

As Mr Newby said when announcing the county budget recently: "Essential needs such as the replacement of obsolete premises and the recruitment of the personnel necessary to cope with the increasing demands placed upon the county council services have had to be deferred."

But he was able to announce progress in certain priority areas, such as the opening of two consumer advice centres and provision for an increase in police strength at a rate of four policemen a month. The trouble is that the police are more than 600 short of establishment while figures show that violent crime has increased by 24 per cent. A shortage of finance can be seen here to hamper the county's efforts.

Even so, the budget of £73m for 1975-76 requires a rate precept of 21.3p, an increase of 21.7 per cent over last year but within the Government's expected average increase of 25 per cent.

Mr Newby is not reticent about his dislike of the Local Government Act which brought his and other reorganized authorities into being, and points to the difficulties created between the counties and districts because of their shared powers. But he emphasized: "We have got to try to make reorganization work. The present system has not had time to settle down and I think it will take five years. But we are gradually getting down to a happy working arrangement with the districts."

Mr Brooke recalls that the county last April took over the functions of some 55 authorities and says. "We are not yet functioning as efficiently as we can do but the fact that we are functioning is by itself a tribute to the progress we have made."

One of the county's major tasks is to produce a structure plan. West Yorkshire, after one year of its existence, is only now able to get down to the matter, having spent its time so far dealing with the many schemes it inherited from the old authorities. In its strategic planning role it is proceeding with great caution, looking at the situation in the whole area and reappraising requirements before committing itself to decisions which will affect millions of people in the next few years.

The county is dedicated to full public participation. It worked well on the question of an Aire valley motorway scheme but it is admittedly more difficult to operate in considering the strategic plan for the future.

Success of roads programme has eased communications

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One of the most striking things about Yorkshire today is the ease of its travel, particularly by road. The driver in the South of England is almost always restricted to choosing a route which he knows will be overcrowded but to which there is no reasonable alternative. In the North he can be fairly sure that if one way of getting to his destination seems temporarily congested there is another equally good road which will get him there just as quickly.

The reason is the increasingly excellent motorway and trunk road network, which is now beginning to compare with the best in Europe. Even those who dislike motorways, on the grounds that they are excessively expensive and environmentally destructive, must admit that they have performed an invaluable function in freeing lesser roads to carry only the sort of traffic they were designed to bear.

Most heavy long-distance lorries now find it expedient to use the M1 and A1 on north-south journeys and the M62 from east to west. With spur roads linking the motorways with the centres of most large towns, the inhabitants of Ouseby-le-Hole can now sleep peacefully in the near-certainty that a 30-tonner will not suddenly come crashing through the walls of their front rooms.

That, however, is only one side of the issue. Those opposed to further large-scale road construction argue that the costs are becoming prohibitive, that inexcusable quantities of agricultural land are being sacrificed to the aim of reducing the journey between Newark and Preston by 10 minutes, and that a preoccupation with roads is detrimental to the development of other sorts of transport.

At present there are three main disputes. The most important concerns a new route along the Aire valley between Bradford and Skipton, on the edge of the Dales. At the height of the controversy last year objectors claimed that it was a case of planning by stealth and so far from being, as the Government claimed, a local relief road, it was the first stage in a new trans-Pennine motorway.

Mr Mulley, Minister for Transport, has since stated that the new road will definitely not be a motorway and that a revised route will be published in the near future. His announcement pleased nobody. Those opposing the road saw no effective difference between a motorway and a major trunk road in terms of destructiveness. Those in favour took it to mean that the Government had gone back on its undertaking and that no new road would be built.

The other two controversies are over a proposed Bradford by-pass between Calverley and the Aire valley road at Shipley, and an extension of the motorway network between Pudsey and Dishforth, on the A1, which would give Leeds the most comprehensive road system of any city in Britain. Plans for public consultation are due to be published soon, and a fierce argument is expected.

Mr J. A. Gaffney, the West Yorkshire Director of Engineering Services, insists that the council is not excessively concerned with roads. Moreover, he points out, the new transport supplementary grant from the Government, which replaces the grant scheme for specific road works, is deliberately intended to encourage general improvement of transport services such as links between road and rail.

The change in subsidy arrangements was clearly intended to encourage the new Passenger Transport Executives in West and South Yorkshire, which were the last to be established in major metropolitan counties and were widely considered to be superfluous. Bradford intends to open a new transport interchange on the site of the main railway station next year, but on the whole interest in improving public transport is nowhere near as high as in Glasgow or Newcastle.

Mr Gaffney explains this by pointing out that there is no single centre which attracts the majority of commuter traffic, nor a giant factory group, such as a motor works, where thousands of people arrive and leave at the same time. There are five large towns within the county, and most people prefer to live close to their work, travelling by bus, car or bicycle or on foot.

British Rail does its best to dress up its passenger services in advertisements but in fact they do not amount to much. Its real concern is with retaining and increasing its lucrative freight trade, particularly in such bulk commodities as coal, gravel and limestone, and in wooing passengers to its intercity services.

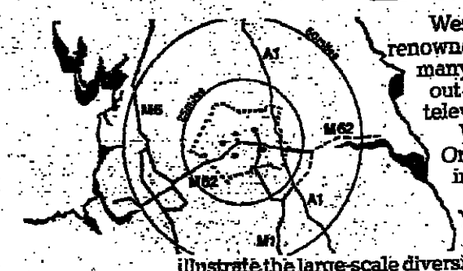
The attraction of day journeys by rail between Leeds or Bradford and London has persuaded Eastern Region to increase its services with effect from next month. The popular—some would say excessively popular—7.30 am from Leeds to King's Cross delivers its passengers at about 10 am and it is hoped to reduce the time for the journey to about two and a quarter hours by the late 1970s.

British Rail's success has been stimulated by the lack of an adequate regional airport. Yeadon, which at present handles some 250,000 passengers a year, needs extended runways to cope with modern aircraft. Bradford wants the extensions, but both the Leeds council and the county authorities, on environmental grounds, would prefer a new site farther east. The feasibility of such a project is, however, doubtful in view of the fact that Ringway, the Manchester airport, is little more than an hour's journey along the motorway.

For freight, the Aire-Calder waterway link with Hull offers interesting possibilities. A sort of White Paper on future transport developments was set out, somewhat vaguely, in a 182-page report published by the council last May, and a new study has been commissioned from independent consultants. But for the time being the success of the roads programme appears to have caused a certain hiatus.



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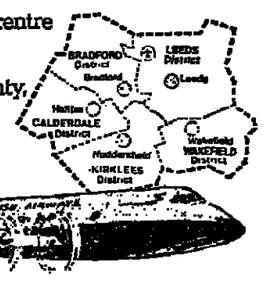
West Yorkshire is universally renowned for its textiles, but how many people know that one out of five British colour television sets are made in West Yorkshire? Or that car manufacturers in over 23 countries use parts from West Yorkshire factories? These two examples illustrate the large-scale diversification taking place in a region where you'll find major national names like Hepworths (clothing), Rowntree Mackintosh (confectionery) and Crossleys (carpets).

Centre of a first-class communications system (already there are 11 million people within 90 minutes drive), West Yorkshire lies equidistant from London and Edinburgh, Hull and Liverpool.

Four airports are within easy reach and an established rail system features Inter-City links and a magnificent freight terminal at Stourton. Even the inland waterways are in the process of re-appraisal and development.

West Yorkshire is therefore an ideal centre for the assembly of raw materials and the distribution of manufactured products.

However, on a recent visit to the county, 50 industrialists from the South of England found there was more to West Yorkshire than good communications.



Government grants are available to newcomers to help with site and plant development and there are excellent facilities for the training of skilled labour.

While the county of West Yorkshire is fast becoming one of Britain's most important industrial centres, it is largely rural in character, with countryside ranging from pastoral lowland to open expanses of Pennine moorland.

You'll find too that each of the five districts—Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees and Calderdale—has excellent (and individual) recreational attractions.

It's something to think about next time you see the 'Made in Britain' tag.

There are a lot of companies 'making-it' in West Yorkshire.

Yours could be one of them.

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Diversification helps towns to stay alive

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For as long as I can remember, businessmen, civil servants and local authority representatives have been preaching that Yorkshire's industrial and economic strength lay in the diversity of its industry. Adherents of this philosophy should now corner any dissenters and point to the fact that while all parts of Britain are now suffering from a recession of one kind or another, Yorkshire is in less agony than most.

Within the Yorkshire and Humberside region the administrative county of West Yorkshire may truly lay claim to being the heartland, and while this industrial heart continues to beat the region will prosper. The *principal cities and towns of* Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield and Halifax have in their own way each achieved some measure of diversification.

In truth West Yorkshire is not over-endowed with beautiful countryside, industry tending to straggle its way round the circle formed by the five main centres, but there are rural oases to be *found as industry peters out* on the north, west and east boundaries of the county.

Wool textiles, mechanical and electrical engineering, clothing, administration and the various service industries are the principal employers, and when one blows hot there is a good chance that another blows cold, producing a reasonably temperate industrial climate. At present all is gloom in wool textiles while engineering looks as though it could be set for brighter things to come.

This view is prompted by a new effort on the initiative of the regional office of the Department of Industry to secure for the region a greater share of the offshore oil market, and this means, in the main, various kinds of engineering work.

The offshore market is variously quoted as worth £600m to £800m. Britain as a whole holds about half that and the Yorkshire and Humberside region's share is about £25m. Mr John McEnery, the regional director, and his staff at the Department of Industry see enormous possibilities here, and to provide the maximum amount of information have produced a substantial document containing the names and products of some 500 companies producing or able to produce a wide variety of products encountered in the offshore oil industry.

The hope is that the chain of *supply and demand will* throw up the names of companies to the benefit of each other on the way to the 290 big buyers in the oil supply industry. The document is unique in its detail. Considering that at present, in securing the existing £25m share, some 8,000 to 10,000 jobs are involved, the prize in terms of employment alone is worth the effort *made.*

No amount of cheery talk —and, to be honest, Bradfordians are not noted for it—can dispel the concern with which the wool textile industry is viewing its present and prospective performance. Exports down in volume, though up in value —which reflects the madly fluctuating price of wool—imports of fabric and clothing *destroying the home mar*ket, the threat of Britain's untimely exit from the European Community and the fearful effects of the capital transfer tax are not calculated to brighten the lives of the mill-owners.

The Wool Textile Delegation, the senior body in the industry, estimates that more than 350 private firms, between them employing more than 30,000 people, will be adversely affected by capital transfer tax if it is unaltered. The Wool Textile Delegation strongly believes that the small private company is the backbone of British industry. It points out that in wool textiles "many of these smaller firms fill a specialized niche in the market to which the larger public companies, who are normally interested in production on a bigger scale, would not be attracted".

In 1971 the price of a key quality wool was 95p a lb; in March, 1973, it was 370p a lb; it is now down again to about 160p a lb. The wool *textile recession is worldwide* and has been caused by people losing confidence in trade —the fault of the oil price disaster—and stopping forward ordering. Manufacturers of wool tops (combed wool) started putting employees on short-time working and this has spread to the spinners and is slowly creeping through the industry.

The Japanese, Britain's *biggest wool textile cus*tomers last year, overbought and exports to Japan are now drying up. Heavily subsidized state clothing industries are pushing cheap goods into Britain, and while they present no challenge in style or colour or fashion, Britain cannot compete in price.

It is perhaps a sign of the times that while the Govern*ment has paid out some £7m* in assistance to the industry which has generated investment in new plant and buildings worth some £37m, there is an increasing number of concerns which are taking compensation or "realization" grants paid to firms to close in the interests of a more efficient and streamlined industry.

Not all exporters are having problems. An analysis of export figures for West Yorkshire alone is not obtainable without a great deal of research, but it is safe to assume that a fair share of the regional total comes from within the administrative county.

In fact, industry is indebted to the Association of Yorkshire and Humberside Chambers of Commerce for producing for the first time an accurate figure of exports from the region. The total is more than £1,150m a year, equivalent to about 7 per cent of exports from the United Kingdom in 1974. The association points out that *this figure takes no* account of goods manufactured in Yorkshire but exported by firms outside the region.

Mr Stanley L. Speight, chairman of the association, quite rightly emphasizes that the figures give an indication of the region's importance to the national economy and suggests that it is no longer sufficient to use employment as the main *criterion when considering* aid for the regions. Account should be taken, he says, of "exporting power bases".

Like the rest of the Yorkshire and Humberside region, West Yorkshire is classified as an intermediate area and ranks for special consideration. *Under the In*dustry Act selective financial assistance is available to companies expanding and *moving into the region.* The five metropolitan districts of Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Calderdale and Kirklees all have good industrial sites ready to welcome new industry, provided that it is of the right sort.

Incidentally, to the outsider Calderdale and Kirklees will mean little or nothing. They are new names adopted after the reorganization of local government; the principal towns are Halifax and Huddersfield respectively.

By observing that incoming industry must be of the right sort I am not suggesting that West Yorkshire is particularly "choosy" about *incoming firms but* merely that it is felt that it would be wrong to snap up every new factory without a *moment's hesitation. The reason* is that the county tends to follow the line of the Regional Economic Planning *Council* in its belief that most benefit may be derived from those companies which plan to bring their headquarters to the area rather than what is termed the branch plant economy.

The view is that headquarters generate financial and service activity and that this is good for the area.

Communications are the most important single selling point for West Yorkshire. Access to the motorway system, coupled with the proximity of Liverpool, Manchester and the Humber ports, makes West Yorkshire the easiest place of departure in the country—an important consideration when one is moving goods for either home or overseas markets.

On balance it may be said *that West* Yorkshire has much to offer to industry. Industry, of course, has much to offer to West Yorkshire. All that everybody is waiting for is the recipe for stopping inflation and starting substantial investment by industry so that a prosperous future may be assured.

Property declines but Leeds is growing

A year ago it was possible to write that something of a property boom was occurring throughout the Yorkshire and Humberside region. London-based companies seeking to avoid the high rents of the South were heading North, attracted by low rents and the excellent communications offered by the region. Government incentives were an added lure.

But the general economic climate and budget uncertainties have put a brake on inquiries. Leeds is still of considerable interest as an important and growing regional centre, but property experts are becoming increasingly concerned about the small amount of new industrial and commercial development taking place throughout West Yorkshire generally.

It is true that contractors appear to have been hard at it demolishing and rebuilding the centre of Leeds for years and new shops and offices seem to go up daily in the Albion Street area. Even so concern is felt, particularly when the laws of supply and demand start to operate.

Mr Simon Duckworth, a partner in the Leeds-based commercial and industrial property consultants Holt & Partners, says: "In 12 months the situation could be really serious, particularly if the drive to attract office users from the South-east and elsewhere is successful. Hardly any new developments are taking place and there could be problems in getting them.

"On the investment side although there has been some movement by the pension funds and others to go into property it is still a negligible movement."

Strangely enough, that view is apparently contradicted by the fact that the little office accommodation which becomes available from time to time in Leeds is not being immediately snapped up. "Possibly it is the general air of uncertainty and the caution it inevitably generates which produces this unusual situation", Mr Duckworth says.

"At the moment, firms one would expect to move rapidly to take over accommodation when it becomes available are hesitating. The current explanation for this is that they are awaiting the outcome of the Budget. The real problem will emerge when this atmosphere of caution and hesitation dissipates and there is a general move for industrial and office accommodation. There just is not enough to satisfy that need."

One company which is not hesitating is the Teesland Development Company (UK), of Stockton, which has just acquired warehouse and office development on the Wortley Ring Road comprising an overall area of 44,000 sq ft capable of subdivision into units of 24,000 sq ft and 20,000 sq ft.

The building has only recently been completed and is constructed to an extremely high specification both for the warehouses and the ancillary office accommodation.

A local development and construction group which is not dragging its feet in the development field is Chellow Dene Holdings, of Leeds, which has recently signed contracts worth £1.6m and reports a further £1.5m under negotiation.

One of the signed contracts is for the construction of a 100,000 sq ft factory and office complex for Restcraft Greeting Cards, UK, at Dewsbury.

The premises are worth about £750,000 and will be the first major development at the £2m Chellow Dene industrial and commercial park development on the banks of the River Calder. Restcraft already occupy about 40,000 sq ft of production space at Dewsbury and describe the new factory as "another phase in our expansion in the United Kingdom".

Hepper Watson and Sons, the Leeds-based chartered surveyors, thoughtfully provide an annual review of the real estate market covering all aspects of the property world. They observed that at the end of 1973 and the beginning of 1974 legislation was passed aimed at property owners, developers and speculators. The Government promised there would be further legislation but gave only brief confidence in the property market generally.

Legislation is now taking shape but there will be no substantial increase in confidence until everybody with property interests is reasonably satisfied that all the political parties have done their best.

The Department of Industry is doing its best to boost the move of offices and service industries to the assisted areas. Incentives include removal grants for each employee, rent-free periods of up to three years in West Yorkshire, or a grant equivalent to the free rent where premises are bought. Interest relief grants or medium-term loans at attractive interest rates are available—but not for building.

If office building and occupation is not as bright as it was the long-term prospect for industrial development is good, according to Hepper Watson. It reports: "Major property companies and institutions from the South of England continue to accept Leeds and its environs as one of the premier industrial areas outside London for creating industrial developments, due probably to the fact that the national motorway network extends almost to the centre of the city. This gives direct access to the port of Liverpool and very soon the port of Hull and Immingham when the present building construction of the M62 and Humber bridge is completed."

The West Yorkshire County Council, in detailed information about its five metropolitan districts, says Bradford has more than 15 industrial estates being developed, including the 130-acre Euroway site on the south of the city with direct motorway access. Calderdale has nine sites for light industry, including one of 14 acres at Brighouse, on the M62.

Kirklees has the 22-acre Ringway Industrial Estate at Huddersfield and several other estates at Dewsbury, Batley, Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton in the heavy woollen district. Leeds has more than 50 sites for industrialists to choose from and Wakefield has 30, including some of 250 acres.

All that appears to be lacking is a stabilized financial situation so that commercial and industrial undertakings may start improving their situations and heading North.

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Automation plays a key role at Halifax Building Society where a request by computer quickly brings files from the basement.

Unemployment figures defy national trend

For the first time in many years Yorkshire and Humberside's unemployment rate for February was better than the national average, and *this position has been* maintained in March.

One would expect the assisted areas to do considerably worse than the national average and by and large this has always been the case; until this year. It is true that unemployment had increased nearly everywhere when the March count was taken. In Yorkshire and Humberside there were at March 10 67,155 people registered as unemployed in the region, an increase of 1,689 over the February *total. This represented* 3.3 per cent of the estimated number of workers compared with 3.2 per cent in February, but the national average in February was 3.3 per cent and in March 3.4 per cent, so the region is holding *up well.*

We are concerned with West Yorkshire and of the county's 14 "travel to work" areas only two have returned figures for March above the national average. One other is above the regional average and another the same at 3.3 per cent. The highest in the county is Hemsworth where a percentage of 6.8 was returned for March. But in February it was 7.1 per cent. The Hemsworth unemployed number 798, not a vast number when one compares it *with Bradford's 5,577 unem*ployed at 3.4 per cent and Leeds' 8,918 at 2.9 per cent.

While the overall picture looks encouraging there are pockets of unemployment and short-time working, at Bradford and Keighley for *example. This is a direct re*sult of the recession in the wool textile industry, and the fact that a continuing process of slimming down wool textiles to make it a more efficient industry is taking place.

In January 1974, there were 75,595 production staff in wool textiles. This January the figure had shrunk to 68,597. This is not to say that 7,000 people have become unemployed in the course of a year. Many have moved to other jobs but in *doing so have cut the job* opportunities of the unemployed from other industries.

A considerable number of *wool textile workers are* women, quickly trained and adaptable to jobs such as assembly line work. This *pool of female labour may* well prove an attraction to industrialists. There are numerous financial and other incentives to persuade businessmen to turn to assisted areas like West Yorkshire. There are training schemes to fit most requirements and the Manpower Services Commission offers direct training assistance which is free to employers *in assisted areas.*

They include training at Skillcentres, formerly Government Training Centres, in West Yorkshire at Leeds and Wakefield; a third centre is on the cards for Bradford. The centres train 1,300 people a year in more than 28 basic skills. Bradford will add another 300.

One of the main laments of the engineering industry is that there are far too few people entering the industry to learn skills and provide for future demand. It is accepted that the first thing engineering companies do when signs of a recession appear is to cut apprentice intakes. The Engineering Industry Training Board is aware of the situation and endlessly pleads with firms *not to be shortsighted.*

No doubt with future shortages in mind, the Leeds and Wakefield Skillcentres tend to concentrate on the engineering industry. There is no suggestion that after a six months' or year's course a *Skillcentre turns out* a man or woman able to perform the jobs it has taken another several years of apprenticeship to learn, but they do give a thorough grounding in basic skills with the rest learnt in employment.

There are a number of firms who run their own excellent training schemes to top up the reservoir of skilled labour as natural and other wastage depletes it.

Another industry showing concern is building. A few weeks ago, Leeds Chamber of Commerce said that if steps were not taken urgently to help the building industry in West Yorkshire there could be *major unemploy*ment and the loss to the industry of many skilled workers. The Leeds chamber be*lieves that the situation* would be eased if somebody started cutting through a lot of red tape and allowed the speeding of planning applications for small building works by local authorities.

The chamber points out: "There remains steady work for the jobbing builder and if his flow of work could be improved, unemployment could be avoided. As 80 per cent of the building workers are engaged by firms employing under 20 men, aid to this part of the industry *would help enormously to re*tain intact the skilled building workforce."

In a letter to Mr Anthony Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, the chamber says that skilled labour is already beginning to be shed, not only in the building industry but also in associated trades and professions such as architecture and quantity surveying as work dries up.

Serious planning delays have sprung from local government reorganization and could kill the industry. The Dobry report advocates speeding planning procedures for small works. But the Leeds chamber maintains that the industry cannot wait for the implementation of the report's proposals.

Estimates vary on numbers employed in West Yorkshire but it is well on its way to the million mark. Clothing and textiles together still employ about 140,000 people and engineering, metal manufacture and electrical industries account for about 100,000. In common with other parts of the country, West Yorkshire is seeing a marked increase in white collar workers.

The West Yorkshire County Council believes that in their case this is the result of the area gaining importance as a commercial centre thanks to its strategic position and excellent communications. Enlightened attitudes of management and unions make for good industrial relations, it points out, which, it believes, spring from substantial educational and training facilities.

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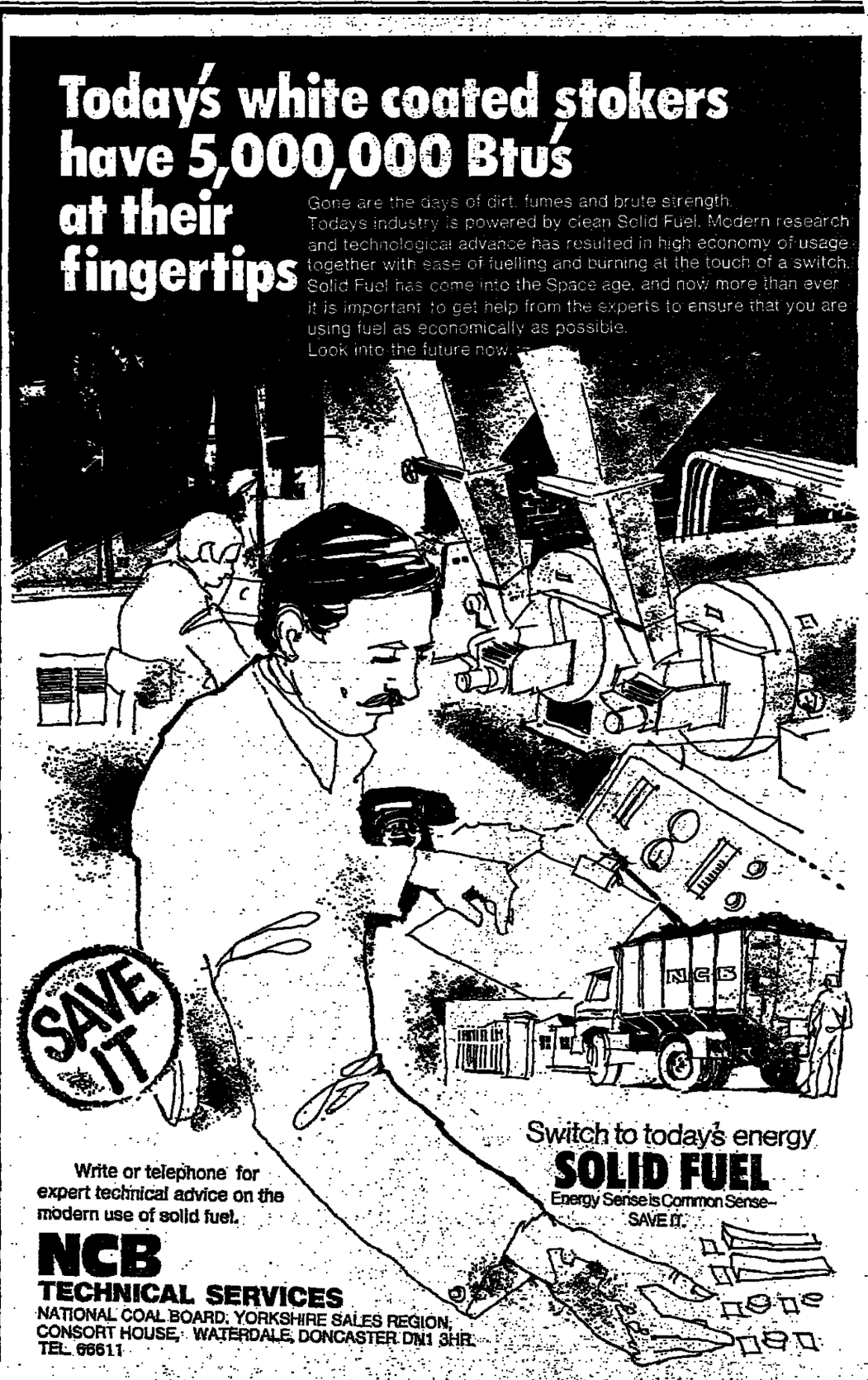
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Clothing industry seeks answers in technology

by Denis Robertshaw

In the tougher times ahead for British manufacturers, cost effectiveness will play an important if not decisive, role. West Yorkshire's clothing industry looks as if it will be better placed than many, with its readiness to explore new technologies.

Reorganization, redevelopment and some slimming are already the order of the day in the big group firms, based in Leeds. "Tightening the ship", as Mr J. T. Rowlay, managing director at the Hepworth group has it.

In technology particularly, some of the answers may be found to the alarming intensification of competition from Eastern Europe and developing countries, now aggravated by inflation at home. Technologically, Yorkshire industry put on pace in the last decade—carefully testing each change in production engineering, semi-automation and use of the computer—and has now reached a signpost to different routes.

Pointers are turned to that by the end of the year laser cutting (a beam cutting out flat pieces of cloth for the assembly of garments); water cutting (the same operation using a knifelike jet of compressed water); moulding, which could perhaps be the most revolutionary idea because of its impact on sewing or "needle time" (directly—producing the three-dimensional shape of a garment or part); and welding (joining by other means than sewing). Moulding has already been done with knitted synthetic fabrics in America, Japan and Czechoslovakia.

It is possible that eventually the different avenues will merge with the industry generally making use of several perfected tools.

The John Collier group, the United Drapery Stores subsidiary, is already working on the laser beam. It has invested £400,000 in research cooperation with the Atomic Energy Authority Laboratory, and Mr Stanley Rawson, a director of John Collier, is confident an historically labour-intensive industry has to become capital intensive.

Between 1958 and 1968 clothing manufacture was at the bottom of the league in capital investment per employee, with furniture and ship-building only slightly higher. One of the biggest advances in garment engineering has been in producing patterns in such a way that the pieces of a suit are cut with minimum loss of cloth and come together precisely in chosen style and fit.

For all its technicality, pattern engineering as I saw it at Hudson Road comes over with the instant impact of simplicity. After liaison with the clothing designer and approval of a sample design, by using a computer, a pattern shape of a particular part is recorded on a table. Key points are fixed on the pattern's outer line. When needed, the information is put out by the computer into a flat cardboard shape, representing a piece of cloth in, say, a pair of trousers. The computer will, if needed, automatically adjust the information in cardboard copies for different sizes.

It is for the tailor's cutter to take a card as basis and, by his skill, adjust the outer line to meet exactly the single made-to-measure order sent from a shop on behalf of a customer.

Appropriately enough, after the invention and improvement of the sewing machine in the early 1800s, mechanization in tailoring got its big push in Leeds about 1 60 from John Barran, afterwards Sir John Barran, who converted a small clothing shop to wholesale. His eventual wealth came from the idea of converting a band woodsaw to a bandknife for cutting cloth at speed. Thirty years later he introduced machines to spread fabrics smoothly from long bolts, ready for the knife.

It is worth noting that Barran was the son of a gunmaker, and it could well be that his success or from knowing the clothing trade but familiarity with his fa ier's skills—and the innovative eye may still come from outside.

South African-born Mr Theo Helfet, of Burton's was several years in varied aspects of light engineering manufacture before coming into the clothing industry.

At Hepworth Mr Ronald W. Sheffield, technical director, was brought in for his engineering and electronic experience. His special pride is the satellite system. Factory units, instead of making whole suits, make separate garments or parts—trousers, for instance, are specialized in at Herten-le-Hole, Tyne-Wear—and are now grouped at about similar distances round a centre producing basic components.

As business increased, a unit at Ashington, Northumberland, opened in 1964, was enlarged to double capacity in 1970. The first of the satellite units at Herten-le-Hole started up in 1969.

Behind the policy-thinking is availability of labour at each unit site and simplification of management and production problems there.

At Hepworth House there is also a warehouse—dubbed the "tallest wardrobe in the world"—for centralizing collections and delivery. A new Swiss system, handling suits on computerized overhead rails, is just being run in. From a computer control panel, graded groups of jackets or suits can be stored at any position on three tiers of gantries, and when wanted, selected and brought back. The hall is high enough to allow expansion upwards into more gantries.

Implied by innovation throughout the industry is tightening of labour forces expected to be met by wastage.

According to one expert view, output is at present restricted by a shortage of female labour in the sewing sector. Another expert assessment says "slimming" is in any case eased by a 45 per cent female sewing labour turnover in the year.

Generally, the workforce and its union has a tradition of cooperation—perhaps to some extent brought about by a history of import pressures.



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Despoiled landscape responsible for holding back development

by John Young

Leeds, in West Yorkshire, and Sheffield, in South Yorkshire, are in many ways fortunate cities. In the past 20 years money has been poured into central area redevelopment, housing and roads, enabling them to present a brave, shining new face to the world as major regional centres. As a result, they now boast among the lowest unemployment figures in Britain.

No one should begrudge them their new-found prosperity. In the past, both cities were major contributors to the nation's industrial prosperity and suffered socially and environmentally as a result. This deserved to be rectified.

But the old West Riding consists of a lot more than just Leeds and Sheffield. Unlike most other metropolitan counties—Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Midlands, Tyne and Wear—neither West nor South Yorkshire is dominated by a single megalopolis. West Yorkshire, for instance, contains five fairly large centres: Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax and the county capital Wakefield, plus a number of other fairly large towns like Dewsbury, Keighley, Pontefract and Castleford.

The county also has a great deal of open, beautiful countryside, in many cases cheek-by-jowl with the worst sort of urban industrial sprawl. It is a salutary experience to drive out of Bradford to the west and note how quickly the Aire valley changes from a region of mills and mean workers' cottages to one of woods, meadows and sparkling streams.

Only in the far west and north, on the fringes of the Dales national park, has the countryside remained unpolluted. Elsewhere it is possible to drive along a road where, on one side, the landscape is blackened by coal tips and abandoned or semi-derelict factories and warehouses, while on the other, the ploughed and fertile fields stretch away into the distance as though the industrial revolution had never happened.

When, a generation ago, Yorkshire had to face the fact that it was no longer the economic heartland of Britain, that the traditional industries were in decline and that very soon it would have to seek government assistance, the planners' first instinct was to concentrate on the major cities. What Leeds and Bradford and Sheffield needed was new civic pride, implicit in skyscraper offices, motorways and towering blocks of flats to replace the old streets of "back-to-backs".

The old way of life was on the way out, it was said. There would be no more factory hooters in the bitter darkness of a winter morning. Anti-pollution measures would clear the air of soot and grime. The carpeted lobbies of the new hotels, used as conference centres, would be filled with the muffled murmur of advertising and marketing executives, and trendy young graduates of the new and enlarged universities and technical colleges. The bravest and the best would no longer have to flee south to seek their fortune.

It was not an unreasonable philosophy, and to some extent it worked. But the region was still failing to attract new industry in the quantity it needed. Only belatedly has it been realized that the major disincentive has been the appearance of the landscape as a whole. Financial incentives notwithstanding, an electronics manufacturer is more likely to choose Basingstoke than Batley.

A recent report by the West Yorkshire County Council's strategic planning division made the point that there were nearly 10,000 acres of derelict and despoiled land in the county needing restoration. The problem was at least twice as severe as was shown by a more limited survey carried out in 1971.

Some 42 per cent of the derelict land, according to the report, was within the boundaries of the Leeds District Council. Of the remainder, 23 per cent was in Wakefield district, 16 per cent in Kirklees, 13 per cent in Bradford, and 6 per cent in Calderdale. Coal mining was the chief culprit, but abandoned railway land also accounted for a high proportion.

Mr Kenneth Woolmer, chairman of the planning and transportation committee, said a few weeks ago that there was an urgent need to speed up the work of restoration or the problem would continue for another generation. That was obviously an unacceptable situation for those living in the affected areas. "Industrial development is high on our list of priorities, and a part of this must be better living conditions", he added.

Mr Walter Fairbank, the council's director of planning services, points out that abandoned textile mills are also a problem and insists that more government aid is needed. "At the present pace it will take nearly 25 years to clean the area up", he points out. "This is clearly quite unacceptable."

Iron Age man and the Brontës among attractions to visitors

by Raymond Gledhill
Yorkshire Post

Within the boundaries of West Yorkshire live two million people, mostly in crowded towns and cities. But it is a county of great contrasts, and more than half of its 500,000 acres are rural, with quiet villages and hamlets set in hills and woodland.

Much of it is so easily accessible that one can quickly be away from the noise and bustle of the busy towns and discover the pleasures of the purple-clad heights of the Pennines or the green valleys of the Dales. It is the rich mixture of country and city which annually attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists.

When local government reorganization carved up the West Riding the newly-created county of West Yorkshire found itself without the popular pleasure resort and conference centre of Harrogate, which with the Yorkshire Dales National Park had gone into North Yorkshire. West Yorkshire was left with a small stake in only one national park, the Peak, about 18 sq miles of which are within its area.

The county's ratepayers will be making a contribution of £90,000 to the Peak Park Planning Board in 1975-76. About 225 West Yorkshire people live within the park, but in a recreational sense the Peak is virtually on the doorstep of the two million people in the county, as are both the Dales and North York Moors national parks.

From Leeds and Bradford a 15 min drive opens up Wharfedale, and puts one in striking distance of Ilkley, the "gateway to the Yorkshire Dales". At one time, it was feared that this beautiful spa town would go with Harrogate into North Yorkshire. It is a splendid base for exploring the countryside, including the Pennines and Brontë country. The adventurous may indulge in rock-climbing on the gritstone crags overlooking the town or, "'baht 'at", wander over "Ilkla' Moor".

Prehistoric and Roman remains have been found at Ilkley. The moors are littered with the mystic carvings and inscriptions of Bronze and Iron Age men, including the largest known group of cup and ring stones in Britain, and one bearing the swastika, a symbol of the fire-worshippers. Although West Yorkshire's scenery is among the finest and most varied in Britain, it is a region rich in historical and architectural gems, and its cultural heritage attracts many visitors.

The area is an open-air museum, with evidence of the past all around in the shape of architectural and industrial archaeology. There are Iron Age encampments, Roman roads and forts, medieval villages, Norman churches and relics of almost every aspect of the Industrial Revolution.

Partly to take the pressure off the Dales and other congested beauty spots, local authorities on both sides of the Pennines are seeking to lure visitors to these attractions in easy reach of the towns. They have created an enormous South Pennines regional park, more than a hundred square miles of which lies in West Yorkshire.

The county council has set up an information service to promote the advantages of the new recreational area, and is establishing advice centres, one of which has been designated a National Tourist Information Centre.

To explore the South Pennines is to step back in time. In addition to the countless historic features, there are thousands of items of historical interest on display in a growing number of museums in the region. They range from museums specializing in transport, geology, textiles, mining and natural history to regimental, craft and folk museums. Each year more than 100,000 visitors pass through the Brontë parsonage, a small Georgian house in the hillside village of Haworth, on the fringe of the Dales, near Keighley.

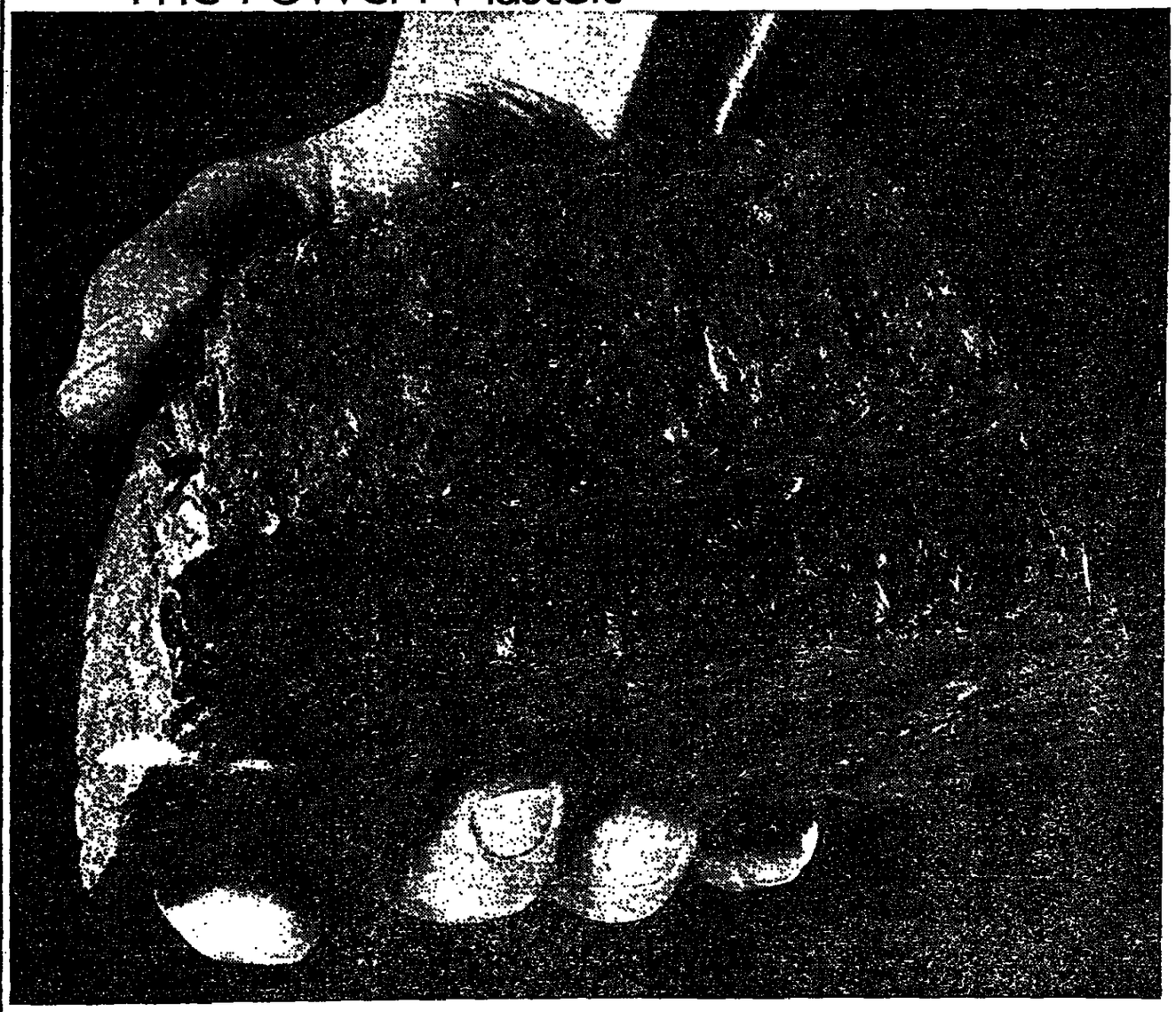
The most popular literary site in West Yorkshire, it was there that the Brontë sisters wrote their novels and poems. It is preserved, as far as possible, as it was in the days when *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights* were written and contains many relics of the family, including furniture, pictures and dresses. A new extension holds many documents, manuscripts and letters written by the sisters.

Challenging the popularity of the Brontë appeal is a working museum of about 40 railway steam engines and preserved examples of railway stock at Haworth Station. The railway runs for five miles from Keighley to Oxenhope and carries more than 70,000 passengers annually. It was the location for the filming of *The Railway Children*.

West Yorkshire has a wide variety of distinguished stately homes and historic houses, with pride of place going to Harewood House, built in the eighteenth century, with its treasure of porcelain, pictures and Chippendale furniture.

A joint policy of objectives has been agreed by West Yorkshire County Council and the five districts within its area, aimed not only at protecting the cultural heritage of the county, but at professionally investigating, documenting and displaying it for the benefit of the community. That applies both to the archaeological and historical heritage and to the plant and wild life of the region.

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97⅞	90¼	Savings 3% 1965-75	97⅞	+⅛	3.072	9.696
97½	89¾	Exch 6½% 1976	97⅛	..	6.671	9.473
95⅞	88	Treas 6½% 1976	95⅜	..	6.811	10.167
98¾	88	Victory 4% 1976	98	..	4.082	8.910
100¾	94¾	Treas 10½% 1976	100⅛	..	10.456	10.192
93⅞	84½	Treas 6½% 1977	93⅛	+⅛	6.706	10.215
90¾	81¾	Elec 3% 1974-77	90⅛	..	3.325	8.537
103¾	95¾	Treas 11½% 1977	103⅛	+⅛	11.145	9.904
85¾	84	Treas 3% 1977	85¾	+⅛	3.498	9.247
87½	78¾	Treas 4% 1972-77	87⅛	+⅛	4.586	8.436
96⅞	88⅞	Treas 9% 1978	96⅞	+⅛	9.314	10.323
99⅞	94	Treas 10¼% 1978	99⅞	-⅛	10.349	10.691
86⅞	76	Exch 5% 1976-78	86½	..	5.781	9.848
79¾	65¼	Treas 3% 1979	78⅞	..	3.834	9.032
102⅝	94⅜	Treas 11½% 1979	101⅝	+⅛	11.281	10.875
80⅝	69⅝	Elec 4½% 1974-79	80⅝	..	6.264	9.634
98⅞	95½	Treas 10½% 1979	98⅞	..	10.618	10.812
78⅝	67½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	78⅝	..	4.472	9.412
95	81⅞	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	93⅝	-⅛	9.614	10.808
84½	69⅞	Fund 5¼% 1978-80	83⅞	+⅛	6.417	9.795
79	64⅝	Treas 3½% 77-80	77⅞	+⅛	4.676	9.318
77½	61⅝	Treas 3½% 79-81	74⅞	+⅛	4.743	9.408
91	72½	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	90⅛	+⅛	9.597	10.927
104⅛	86⅝	Treas 12% 1983	103⅞	+⅛	11.672	11.448
78	58	Fund 5½% 1982-84	76⅞	+⅛	7.278	9.689
85¾	61⅞	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	84⅞	+⅛	10.310	11.295
77½	51⅞	Fund 6½% 1985-87	69⅞	+⅛	9.321	11.114
79⅞	53	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	74⅞	+⅛	10.581	11.618
46⅞	32⅞	Trans 3% 1978-88	44⅞	+⅛	6.838	11.252
55⅞	39⅞	Treas 5% 1986-89	53⅞	+⅛	9.339	11.737
75½	53⅞	Treas 8½% 1987-90	74⅞	+⅛	11.313	12.443
58	41⅞	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	54⅞	+⅛	10.618	12.408
97⅞	95⅞	Treas 12¾% 1993	96⅞	+⅛	13.032	13.106
57⅞	40⅞	Fund 6% 1993	52½	+⅛	11.497	12.809
76⅞	54⅞	Treas 9% 1994	73⅞	+⅛	12.813	13.296
40⅞	25⅞	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	31⅞	+⅛	9.491	11.847
37⅞	24⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	32⅞	+⅛	9.201	11.887
102	75	Treas 12¾% 1995	100⅛	+⅛	13.365	13.408
77⅞	54⅞	Treas 9% 1992-96	69⅞	+⅛	12.990	13.408
59½	40⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	53⅞	+⅛	12.762	13.397
75½	53⅞	Treas 9½% 1997	67⅞	+⅛	13.142	13.187
77⅞	54⅞	Treas 9¼% 1999	73⅞	+⅛	13.315	13.359
34⅞	21⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	30⅞	+⅛	11.917	12.761
67½	46⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	59⅞	+⅛	13.464	13.611
46⅞	32⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	41⅞	+⅛	13.409	13.545
63½	43⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	57⅞	+⅛	13.729	13.774
31⅞	22⅞	Consols 4%	28	..	14.119	..
28⅞	20⅞	War Ln 3½%	25⅞	..	13.621	..
29½	20⅞	Conv 3½%	26½	..	13.217	..
24⅞	17⅞	Treas 3%	21⅞	..	14.190	..
22⅞	14	Consols 2½%	17⅞	..	14.273	..
20⅞	14⅞	Treas 2½% Aft 75	17½	..	14.297	..

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85¾	73⅞	Aust 5½% 76-78	83⅞	..	6.592	12.302
77¼	65½	Aust 5½% 77-80	71½	..	7.226	12.283
69	56½	Aust 5½% 81-82	65⅞	..	8.033	12.364
69¼	55½	Aust 6% 81-83	66⅞	..	8.992	12.361
93¼	83	Aust 6% 74-76	91½	+⅛	6.545	12.088
77⅞	67½	Aust 7% 79-81	77½	+⅛	9.108	12.311
100	84	Berlin 4½% Ass	84	..	..	..
95	92	Chilean Mixed	95	..	..	..
59¼	52	E Africa 5¾% 77-83	58½	+⅛	10.126	15.115
193	180	German 4½% 1930	192	..	..	..
27½	23	Hungary 4½% 1924	23	..	..	..
76	59⅞	Ireland 7½% 81-83	74½	..	..	..
80	71½	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	80	+⅛	9.803	14.745
154	94	Japan Ass 4% 1910	152	..	..	..
62½	46	Japan 6% 83-88	54	..	..	..
60	52½	Kenya 5% 78-82	58½	..	8.642	15.046
75	64	Malaya 7½% 78-82	75	..	10.140	13.134
77	67¼	N Z 6% 76-80	76¼	+⅛	7.873	12.656
86½	85½	N Z 6% 75-76	85¼	+⅛	6.321	11.772
62¾	41	N Z 7½% 88-92	58½	+⅛	12.795	13.950
70	54	N Z 7½% 83-86	66½	+⅛	11.317	13.393
74	64½	N Rhd 6% 78-81	74	..	8.251	12.814
71½	61½	Nyasa 6% 78-81	71½	+⅛	8.540	13.594
110	80	Peru 6% Ass	110	..	..	..
92¼	83½	S A Gov 5½% 74-76	92¼	..	..	..
45	16	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	31	..	..	..
37	16	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	31	..	..	..
55	24	S Rhd 6% 78-81	40	..	..	..
55	49	Spanish 4%	55	..	..	..
62	55	Tang 5½% 78-82	60½	..	9.567	15.342
74	61	Uruguay 3½%	71	..	..	..

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24¾	15½	L C C 3% 1920	20½	..	14.830	..
86	50	L C C 5% 80-83	62¾	..	8.030	12.622
72½	54⅞	L C C 5½% 77-81	70½	..	7.833	12.319
64	48¾	L C C 5½% 82-84	62¾	..	8.972	12.719
56½	39¾	L C C 5½% 85-87	53¾	..	10.037	12.881
85½	71	L C C 6% 75-78	84⅞	..	7.102	12.617
79¾	65⅞	L C C 6% 76-79	77½	..	7.833	12.768
61	42	L C C 6¾% 88-90	57	..	11.745	13.341
94	83½	G L C 6½% 1976	93⅞	..	7.199	11.855
90½	80	G L C 6½% 1977	90	..	7.222	12.526
62	43	G L C 6¾% 90-92	59½	..	12.132	13.476
89¾	74½	G L C 7½% 1977	88⅞	..	8.100	12.499
90	73	G L C 8½% 80-82	80⅞	..	11.039	12.401
84¼	73⅞	C of L 6¾% 75-78	83⅞	..	7.808	12.789
75½	57½	C of L 6¾% 80-82	72½	..	9.141	12.697
78½	56⅞	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	68	..	11.307	13.812
68¾	45	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	59	..	13.211	14.088
59	40½	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	53	..	12.605	11.321
75½	57	Belfast 6½% 77-80	72½	..	8.892	12.497
81	70½	Brightn 6½% 76-78	80⅞	..	8.054	12.692
87¾	84½	Bristol 7½% 74-75	87¾	..	7.771	11.003
98⅞	87	Bucks 5½% 1976	98⅞	..	5.350	11.130
81½	72	Camden 6½% 77-79	81	+⅛	8.027	12.759
77½	62	Croydon 6½% 78-81	76	..	9.192	12.828
81⅞	71⅞	Edin 6½% 77-79	81⅞	..	7.978	12.677
83	69⅞	Glasgow 9½% 80-82	81	..	11.094	12.702
84½	74	Gwich 6½% 76-78	84⅞	+⅛	8.012	12.451
89½	78½	Herts 5½% 75-77	88⅞	..	7.606	12.451
97½	89½	Liverpl 5½% 75-76	97⅛	..	5.634	10.932
87	78¾	Liverpl 7% 76-77	86⅞	..	7.880	12.437
27⅞	19⅞	Met Water B 3%	..	..	13.050	14.010
71¼	59⅞	N I 6½% 79-80	69	..	9.414	16.064
63½	48	N I 7% 82-84	62⅞	..	11.598	15.314
64½	52¾	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	62	..	10.563	14.974
85	74¾	Notts 6½% 76-78	84⅞	+⅛	7.064	12.421
74½	67½	Sthend 5¾% 77-79	72⅞	..	7.980	12.738
66	48¾	Swark 6½% 83-86	62½	..	10.243	13.062
80	65¾	Surrey 6½% 78-80	76	+⅛	7.884	12.610

* Investment Dollar Premium. 85¼% (86¼%).
· Premium Conversion Factor, 0.5817.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42	19¾	Bayer	£39½	+¼	136	3.5	22.0
23	5½	Commerzbank	£17⅞	..	30.4	2.5	32.3
29¾	12¾	Cp Fn Paris	£26¼	+¼	61.4	2.8	14.9
50	28	EBES	£47	..	172	3.7	..
40	23¾	Ericsson	£37½	..	52.9	1.4	21.5
41	27	Finsider	40	..	..	..	..
26¾	13	Granges	£26	..	116	4.5	9.1
435	200	Hoechst	427	..	14.3	3.3	24.9
85	45	Montecatini E	80	..	..	..	..
20	11⅞	NSPU NV	£20	..	86.2	4.3	23.0
537	312	Robeco fl.5	492	● +2	22.1	4.5	21.2
357	202	Rolinco Subs fl.5	342	+2	13.2	0.9	59.2
249	130	Snia Viscosa	190	+5	4.9	2.6	..
510	210	Thyssen-Huette	480	..	12.5	2.6	15.9
36	15½	Volkswagen	£34	+½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¾	6½	Brascan	£9¾	-⅛	41.9	4.6	5.5
971½	530	BP Canada	843	+26	..	..	..
12¼	6⅞	Can Pac Ord	£11⅞	..	37.2	3.3	16.0
10	5⅛	El Paso	£9⅞	..	41.7	4.6	17.1
57½	35¾	Exxon Corp	£53	..	..	..	..
21½	10¼	Fluor	£17½	● +⅛	16.5	0.8	23.0
28	14¼	Hollinger	£18⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
27¼	11⅞	Hud Bay Oil	£16¾	+⅛	38.9	1.7	31.5
15⅛	8	Husky Oil	£10¾	..	..	..	..
795	425	Int Hldgs	700	+20	21.3	2.8	..
22⅞	13⅛	Int Nickel	£17⅞	+1⅛	68.1	3.8	10.5
11⅞	5⅞	IU Int	£9⅞	+⅛	35.7	4.3	8.6
16⅞	8⅞	Kaiser Alum	£16⅛	+⅛	50.7	3.1	..
12⅞	7⅞	Massey-Ferg	£11⅛	..	41.3	3.7	7.1
19½	6⅞	Pacific Petrol	£17½	..	..	..	..
840	445	Pan Canadian	700	-6	..	..	..
139	51	Steep Rock	79	+2	..	..	..
835	475	Trans Can P	750	..	..	..	..
42⅞	19⅞	US Steel	£42⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
835	330	White Pass	415	..	15.3	3.7	7.9
19⅞	10	Zapata Corp	£17½	-1	24.8	1.1	10.1

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
253	130	Alexs Discount	210	● ..	16.3	7.8	10.0
490	200	Allen H & Ross	300	● ..	29.2	9.7	3.6
250	95	Arb-Latham	170	..	10.5	6.2	8.1
435	110	Aust & NZ	298	..	12.6	4.2	8.9
77½	33	Bk Hapoalim	51	..	0.9	2.9	9.4
407	175	Bk of Ireland	290	+20	20.0	5.1	4.4
33	22	Bk Leumi Israel	24	..	1.1	4.6	4.6
337	190	Bk Leumi UK	223	..	10.8	4.9	15.8
750	240	Bk of NSW	380	..	17.4	3.0	13.1
25¾	17¾	Bk of N Scotia	£22¾	● +¼	59.4	2.0	31.4
265	103	Bk of Scotland	205	..	12.4	6.0	7.1
29¾	16⅞	Bnks Trst NY	£24⅞	● -1⅛	124	5.0	8.8
310	120	Barclays Bank	228	..	12.4	5.4	6.1
198	37	Bates E Hldgs	37	..	..e	..	5.6
565	65	Brown Shipley	143	-2	10.5b	6.8	7.6
60	13	Burston Grp	18	f ..	5.0	27.6	2.0
277	95	Cater Ryder	216	..	11.0	5.2	..
13	13	Cedar Hldgs	13	f ..	2.0	15.4	6.6
31¾	16¾	Chase Man	£22⅝	-⅛	93.1	4.1	10.4
27¾	14¾	Citicorp	£23⅝	● -⅛	36.3	..	22.2
270	110	Com Bk of Aust	203	..	7.6	3.7	14.4
215	100	Com Bk of Syd	165	..	7.6	4.6	7.3
23¼	13¾	CC De France	£22½	..	103	4.5	10.3
41	3½	First Nat Fin	6	-½	2.9	47.8	0.8
20	6	Fraser Ans	13	+1½	1.1b	8.7	8.9
300	175	Gerrard & Nat	251	..	27.0	10.7	18.0
30	22	Gibbs A	36	+1	2.6	7.1	11.6
150	55	Gillett Bros	140	..	10.0	7.1	3.2
375	55	Guinness Peat	128	-2	10.6b	8.2	6.4
..	..	Hambros £10	£15	..	109b	7.2	..
330	60	Do Ord	185	..	10.9b	5.9	7.0
312	21	Hill Samuel	75	..	4.2	5.7	7.0
312	84¾	Hong K & Shang	202	-2	4.6	2.3	27.3
315	220	Israel Brit	220	f ..	15.0	6.8	4.5
51	10	Jessel Toynbee	23	..	2.2	..	..
220	50	Keyser Ullmann	64	-2	..	10.9	3.6
65	25	King & Shaxson	35	..	4.3	12.7	16.4
124	33	Kleinwort Ben	101	● +2	4.5	4.5	22.1
297	92	Lloyds Bank	185	..	10.4	5.6	6.4
63	34	Mercury Secs	104	..	5.9	5.7	16.7
315	129½	Midland	210	r -2	16.1	7.6	4.9
61	12½	Minster Assets	26	..	2.9	10.9	6.9
110	32	Nat & Grind	53	-3	4.9	9.2	8.6
259	114	Nat of Aust	242	..	7.6	3.1	12.7
57½	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	26	-1	3.0	5.6	4.1
210	50	Nat W'minster	195	-3	12.0	6.1	5.0
24½	19½	Ottoman	£21½	..	140	6.1	6.8
125	30	Rea Bros	60	-5	..	5.0	15.2
27¾	13¾	Royal of Can	£21½	..	47.6	2.2	8.1
445	170	Schroders	390	..	13.0	3.3	20.0
310	170	Seccombe Mar	275	..	19.7	7.1	7.5
165	20	Slater Walker	31	..	7.9	9.7	6.5
110	33	Smith St Aubyn	77	..	3.7	4.8	..
463	150	Stand'd & Chart	361	-5	19.3	5.3	7.1
225	150	Union Discount	295	..	24.0	8.1	6.2
75	11	Wintrust	26	● ..	4.4	7.9	4.8

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
74½	31	Allied	58	-1	4.5	7.7	9.8
117	41	Bass Charrgton	85	-1	5.5	6.5	9.1
245	50	Bell A.	145	..	..	7.0	4.1
76	31	Boddingtons	60	+1	4.1	5.9	10.1
72	25	Brown M	53	..	3.9	7.1	9.0
62	35	Burtonwood	47	..	3.4	7.2	6.0
100	30	Cameron J W.	61	..	4.4	7.0	7.5
44	20	C of Ldn Dfd	36	..	2.8b	7.9	17.6
165	60	Devenish	95	..	6.7	7.1	6.1
152	63	Distillers	109½	+1½	7.6	7.0	9.2
68	22	Greenall	37	..	3.5	9.6	4.8
170	75	Greene King	115	..	6.1	5.3	9.8
125	57	Guinness	96	..	10.6b	10.9	8.7
85	48	Hardys & H'sons	80	..	7.0	8.8	8.0
152	62	Highland	117	..	7.0	6.0	11.1
34	16	Invergordon	26	..	2.5	9.7	6.4
95	34	Irish Distillers	51	..	3.3	6.4	5.2
253	63	Long John Int	90	..	6.5	7.3	6.6
46	17	Marston	25	..	2.1	8.2	8.6
300	95	Morland & Co	225	..	14.2	6.3	13.1
61½	22	Scot & Newcastle	45	-1	3.8	8.0	9.5
25½	16	Seagram	£23⅞	..	37.5	1.5	22.4
125	31	SA Breweries	100	..	3.2	3.2	10.2
340	85	Teacher	150	..	10.3	6.5	10.7
165	48	Tollemache	100	..	5.2	5.2	15.4
85	40	Tomatin	82	● ..	4.3	6.8	5.7
270	102	Vaux	190	..	18.6b	9.9	7.1
76½	31½	Whitbread 'A'	55	+½ ●	4.1	7.6	9.2
79½	32½	Do B	54	-1 ●	4.1	7.6	9.2
110	46	Whitbread Inv	80	..	8.2	9.1	6.3
235	54	Wolverhampton	92	..	6.5	7.1	9.0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	104	● ..	12.0	11.5	5.4
103	22	AB Electronic	37	-1	6.1	16.6	2.6
48	38	AC Cars	42	..	1.3	3.1	16.2
84	42	AD Intl	68	+1	3.3	4.9	6.9
66	35	AGB Research	39	..	3.1	7.9	6.8
200	93	APV Hldgs	165	..	13.0	7.9	7.0
80	21	AVP Ind	48	+1	3.2n	6.7	4.6
80	13	Aaronson Bros	36	..	2.2	6.2	9.3
51	14	Abbey Panels	27	..	4.0	14.8	3.9
109¼	40	Acrow	60	..	5.2b	8.7	9.6
74½	23½	Do A	48	-1	5.2b	10.9	7.6
24	14	Adams Food	16	..	1.3	8.8	7.4
30	5	Adda Int	13	..	..e	..	4.8
170	57	Adwest Group	105	..	8.8	8.4	5.8
48	8	Aeron't & Gen.	13	..	1.5	11.5	6.3
115	68	Airfix Ind	93	+3	4.0	4.3	10.8
68	27½	Do NV	45	..	4.0	9.0	5.2
84	22	Albright & W	69½	-½	5.3	7.7	..
79	35	Alcan 10½%	£72	..	1050	14.6	..
83½	54	Do 9% Cnv	£74	-½	900	12.2	..
47	25	Allen E.	42	..	4.8n	11.0	3.9
40	12	Allen W. G.	26	..	3.5	13.3	6.7
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	24½	-1½	1.7	6.8	6.6
120	28	Allied Colloids	60	+1	2.1	3.5	7.5
27	9	Allied Plant	24	+1	1.1	4.7	6.1
77	30	Allied Polymer	66	..	5.8	8.8	8.4
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	20	..	..e	..	3.1
182	133	Amal Metal	160	● ..	18.9	11.9	4.4
70	15	Amal Power	38	..	4.1	10.9	3.4
44½	14	Amber Day	32	● ..	2.2	6.8	4.3
11	2½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	7.9	3.6
24	24	Anchor Chem	44	..	5.2	11.8	5.4
198	82	Anderson Strath	140	● ..	12.1	8.6	7.3
700	325	Anglo Amer Ind	650	● ..	55.5	8.5	9.1
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	+1	4.4	13.1	5.5
135	52½	Anglo-Thai Corp	118	-3	2.0	1.7	5.5
85	30	Anglowest	32	..	3.4	10.7	10.7
27	10	Appleyard	27	..	2.6	9.4	3.9
30	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	17	..	1.9	9.1	5.3
77	29	Arlington Mtr	58	● ..	8.8b	15.1	3.1
104	27	Armitage Shanks	60	-1	9.2	15.3	8.1
43	13	Armst Equip	40	..	2.4	6.1	7.0
57	37	Ash Spinning	39	..	5.4	13.9	3.2
50	33	Asprey 6½% Pf	37	..	6.3	16.9	..
64	18	Ass Biscuit	42	+1	3.3	7.8	6.1
52	16	Do A	38	..	3.3	8.6	3.5
9	3½	Ass Brit Eng	6	..	..	..	6.2
52½	21½	Ass Brit Food	50½	-½	2.2	4.4	9.0
47½	17½	Ass Engineer	41½	-½	5.0	12.1	5.6
69½	25	Ass Fisheries	42	..	5.3	13.8	3.1
37½	8½	Ass Leisure	18½	..	3.2	17.1	4.9
166	52	Ass News	105	-1	6.2	5.9	8.9
37	12	Ass Paper	30½	..	3.1	10.1	2.6
150	61	Ass Port Cement	125	+5	10.4	8.3	12.1
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	39	-1	6.8	17.4	5.5
50	27	Ass Tooling	29	..	2.8a	10.0	3.3
32	12	Astbury & Mdley	19	..	1.2	7.6	4.7
120	33	Atlas Stone	62	..	6.8	11.0	5.6
28	14	Attwood Garage	14	..	2.2	15.4	4.6
35	13	Audiotronic	25	● -1	4.5	18.0	4.2
26	8	Ault & Wiborg	25	● ..	3.5	13.8	6.7
15	6½	Aurora Hldgs	12	..	1.0	8.3	5.1
55	33	Austin E.	38	..	4.1	10.9	2.6
50	12	Automotive Pd	22½	..	2.1	9.3	3.0
93	41½	Averys	79½	-½	6.2n	7.8	8.9
121	30	Avon Rubber	58	..	12.8	22.0	4.3
47	17	BBA Grp	34	..	3.6	10.6	6.5
100	43	BPB Ind	81	..	8.0	9.9	4.8
23½	4	BSG Int	10½	+½	..e	..	4.0
105	21	BSR Ltd	55	-1	3.2	5.8	3.8
93½	33½	BTR Ltd	83	-3	5.1	6.9	6.9
73	26	Babcock & W	65	+3	2.7b	4.1	7.8
90	18	Racal Const	18	f ..	..e	..	2.0
35	17	Baggeridge Brk	22	..	2.7	12.1	6.8
12	4½	Bailey C H. Ord	7½	-½	0.3	3.5	4.0
58	29	Baird W.	77	-1	11.3	14.9	6.1
67	16	Baker Perkins	42	-2	4.7	11.2	4.8
40	19	Bambergers	35	..	3.3	9.5	3.0
11	2½	Barker & Dbson	4½	..	..e	..	4.9
304	132	Barlow Rand	248	+1	12.4	5.0	7.2
73	11	Barr & Wallace	30	..	4.2	14.0	3.8
73	11	Do A	29	..	4.2	14.4	3.7
87	34	Barratt Devs	82	r +1	9.0b	10.9	4.0
48	19	Barrow Hepbn	32	..	4.0	12.3	3.6
88	35	Barton & Sons	36	+5	3.7	10.3	8.7
43	19	Bassett G.	53	..	5.7	10.8	6.3
45½	17½	Bath & P'land	32	..	3.3	10.5	5.6
135	57	Baxter Fell	88	..	7.3a	8.3	3.1
51	24	Beales J.	32	..	4.3	13.5	4.0
92	30	Beatson Clark	57	..	5.8	10.1	8.9
32	11	Beaufort Grp	24	+3	3.8	15.8	4.2
290	35	Beaverbrook	60	..	0.5e	0.8	..
75	12	Do A	24	..	0.5e	2.1	..
20	2½	Beckman A.	41	..	..	..	..
271	110	Beecham Grp	198	-2	7.3	3.7	9.8
109	42	Bejam Grp	84	..	4.9	5.8	15.7
42	12	Bemrose Corp	25	..	3.2n	11.8	3.2
34	10	Benn Bros	16	+½	2.4	15.1	4.4
113	55	Bensons Int	105	..	5.8	5.5	6.0
150	57	Berisf'ds S. & W.	120	..	8.3	6.9	5.7
45	15	Berisfords	27	-1	3.0	11.0	3.6
40	16	Berwick Timpo	21	..	2.1	..	3.6
122	68½	Bestobell	104	r ..	10.5	10.1	4.3
75	18	Bibby J.	64	..	7.4	11.5	5.5
40	19	Billam J.	20	..	2.1	10.9	6.1
52	16	Birmid Qualcst	38	-1	5.1	13.3	6.1
31	17	Birm'gham Mint	31	..	..e	..	1.9
49½	13	Birm Pall 'A'	25	..	3.4	14.2	5.4
112	90	Bishops Stores	112	..	2.6	2.3	13.6
77	33	Do A NV	55	..	2.6	4.8	6.7
165	53	Black & Edg'tn	100	+1	7.7	7.7	3.7
30	9	Blackman & C	13	..	2.2	16.6	2.9
63½	30	Blackwd Hodge	46	..	4.6b	5.2	2.9
20	11	Blackwood Mt	14	-3	..	..	3.8
130	58	Blagden & N	66	..	7.7	11.6	2.8
63	25	Bluemel Bros	30	-1	4.1	14.5	6.4
26	15	Blundell Perm	41½	..	3.3	8.0	6.3
43	5½	Boardman K. O.	8	..	1.1	13.4	2.4
33	5½	Bodycote	12½	+½	0.9	6.8	5.3
30	17	Bolton Textile	11	..	1.8	16.6	3.6
30	15	Bonas Webb	30	..	..e	..	5.9
135	55	Booker McCon	114	+2	8.1	7.1	7.4
30	18	B'sey & Hwkes	61	..	5.3b	8.7	6.0
83	33	Boot H.	69	..	9.7	10.9	3.1
216	90	Boots	179	-1	6.4	3.6	10.7
17	6	Boulton W.	11½	..	1.4	12.3	5.6
166	51	Bowater Corp	101	-4	10.0	9.9	5.6
38	12	Bowthorpe Hldgs	33½	..	1.8	5.2	6.3
44½	16	Braby Leslie	30	+1	4.4b	14.9	4.2
70	20	Brady G.	42	+3	..	11.5	5.8
70	20	Do A	43	+3	..	10.9	5.5
40	15	Braid Grp	19½	..	1.6	12.6	4.9
52	23	Braithwaite	65	..	8.8	13.5	5.9
84	32	Brammer	53	..	3.0	5.6	2.8
45	16	Bremner	25	..	4.5	17.9	2.9
56	16	Brent Chem Int	56	-1	1.5	2.6	13.3
50	22	Brickhouse Dud	21	..	2.5	11.7	6.0
130	55	Bridon	113	..	8.2b	7.3	10.9
72	40	Brierleys	44	f ..	3.2	7.2	10.3
35	15½	Brit Ind Grp	19	..	3.0	15.7	5.1
14	2½	Bristol Plant	9	..	0.9	10.1	3.6
335	156	Brit Am Tob	275	-2	15.8b	5.7	5.9
71	33	Brit Car Aucton	41	-1	3.3	8.1	6.6
278	135	Brit Home Strs	207	-1	10.5	5.3	16.6
49	17	Brit Ind Hldgs	17	● +½	2.1	12.3	4.8
137	58	BICC	107	..	9.9	9.2	6.0
25½	5½	BLMC	9	+½	..	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	26	..	3.4	13.0	7.6
49½	16½	Brit Oxygen	36	-½	3.3	9.2	6.3
46	15½	Brit Printing	39½	..	4.8	12.5	2.8
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	26	+½	3.4b	12.9	8.0
79	33	Brit Stm Spec	60	..	6.6	11.0	5.6
453	155	Brit Sugar	296	..	11.9	4.0	4.4
29	13	Brit Tar Prod	22	..	2.0b	9.1	4.3
40	19	Brit Vita	44	● ..	5.1	11.7	3.0
40	19	Brittains	31	..	3.8	10.1	8.5
24½	10	Brocks Grp	22	..	1.6	7.3	4.3
805	324	Broken Hill	693	+6	16.3	2.8	19.7
48½	15	Brook St Bur	35	..	5.8	16.7	2.1
51	28	Brooke Bond	34½	..	3.3	9.6	..
80	26	Brotherhood P.	56	..	8.8a	15.6	6.3
53	25	Brown & Tawse	55	..	2.8	5.7	4.2
131	41	Brown J	92	+2	9.6	7.1	4.3
300	135	Burt Boulton	160	..	13.2	8.1	3.0
113	28	Burton Grp	66	-2	6.6	10.0	34.0
113	28	Do A	65	-1	6.6	10.1	34.2
48	24	Bury & Masco	36	..	5.8	16.0	3.4
17	4	Business Com	4	f ..	0.7b	17.5	0.9
34½	9	Butterfield-Harvy	21	..	2.7	12.8	32.3

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39¼	25	Anglo-Indonesia	37	-1	2.6	7.1	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	61	..	2.8	4.5	..
113	57	Castlefield	79	-1	2.9	3.7	..
28	16	Chersonese	25	..	1.4	5.6	..
86	38	Cons Plant	58½	+½	4.1	7.5	..
32	10	Dunlopkande	16	..	1.4	13.5	..
41½	27	E. Asiatic	41½	..	2.2b	6.3	..
121	56	Gadek	98	-5	2.8	4.1	..
57½	38	Golden Hope	51½	..	1.6	3.3	..
11	4½	Grand Central	7½	..	0.8	10.0	..
415	128	Guthrie Corp	240	+5	12.6b	5.2	..
62	21	Highlds & Low	47	+1½	1.4	3.0	..
120	50	Hongkong	100	..	6.0	12.0	..
150	94	Killinghall	100	..	8.1b	8.1	..
27½	15½	Kulim Grp	24½	+½	1.9	7.6	..
32½	19	Ldn Asiatic	31½	+½	2.9	5.7	..
39½	20	Ldn Sumatra	32	..	1.5	4.8	..
43	33	Majedie	40	-1	1.6	3.5	..
14½	5½	Malayalam	11	..	1.2	17.4	..
91	41	Muar River	60	..	2.0	3.3	..
49	26	Patalling	48	● +½	3.1	6.5	..
50	29½	Plant Hldgs	36½	..	2.4	6.5	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£10½	..	46.3	4.4	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	50	Assam Frontier	80	..	10.0	12.5	..
58	28	Assam Inv	38	..	4.7	12.4	..
46	37	Camellia Inv	37	..	2.2	6.1	..
46	30	Clairmace	43	..	5.2	12.1	..
118	76	Crosby Hse	85	..	12.0	14.1	..
32	12	Deundi	18	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
133	62	Jorehaut	110	h ..	5.2	4.7	..
150	68	McLeod Russel	73	..	8.2	11.2	..
96	80	Moran	96	..	8.1	8.4	..
31	23	Ouvah Highlds	24	-1	2.2	9.2	..
44	21	Peacock Sasini	21	-1	3.5b	16.6	..
28	18	Sthn India	18	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	15	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	74	+1	8.4	11.4	..
41	20	Western Dooars	41	..	6.0	14.6	..
80	56	Williamson Hldgs	68	..	6.3	9.3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
900	330	Algoma Cent Rly	880	..	26.0	2.0	14.2
20	5	Antofagasta	£13	..	..e	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	21	..	..	..	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£43	..	700	16.3	..
35½	26½	Essex Wtr 5%	£32	..	500	15.6	..
202	46	Felixstowe Dock	88	..	9.7	11.0	11.3
322½	100	Imp Cont Gas	257	+2	10.2	4.0	20.2
430	110	LRT Hldgs	138	h -2	3.1	2.3	..
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..	500	15.6	..
132	36	Milford Docks	70	..	..	..	12.7
93	54	Nigerian Elec	70	..	11.8	16.9	..
385	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	345	-8	21.6	7.1	12.5
35½	26	Sunderland Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

* Adjusted for tax changes. ● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 01.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	114.71	7.8x	16.57	115.09
Largest Coys.	113.33	7.70	16.30	113.72
Smaller Coys.	119.13	8.44	17.44	119.40
Capital Goods	117.66	8.24	17.10	117.78
Consumer Goods	130.32	7.96	15.48	130.75
Store Shares	108.25	7.65	8.74	108.59
Largest financial shares	148.84	6.45	—	149.49
Largest financial and industrial shares	120.80	7.46	—	120.57
Commodity shares	192.38	4.52	33.34	189.83
Gold Mining shares	829.29	5.33	8.17	832.17
Industrial debenture stocks	57.21	7.95*	—	57.17
Industrial preference stocks	52.92	13.38*	—	52.94
3½% War Loan	26⅝	13.62*	—	26⅝

A record of The Times Industrial Share indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.08.72)	60.18	(12.12.74)
1975	135.69	(06.03.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.15	(12.12.74)
1973	189.33	(12.01.73)	128.59	(14.12.73)
1972	198.47	(15.08.72)	134.48	(10.01.72)
1971	174.32	(31.12.71)	122.23	(02.03.71)
1970	145.78	(14.01.70)	110.78	(26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield.

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Grindlays Bank profit turned to loss by Brandts' £14m provision

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Brandts, one of the City's elite inner circle accepting houses, is making loss provisions totalling £14m for 1974, mainly in respect of property advances. The provisions will help to turn a substantial profit by its parent, Grindlays Bank into an overall pre-tax loss of about £6.5m.

It seems almost certain that such large provisions will lead to a restructuring of Brandts and a major capital injection by Grindlays. Lord Aldington, chairman of both banks, admitted this was a possibility yesterday and emphasized that Grindlays would give full support to Brandts.

He also said that steps would be taken "further to strengthen Brandts management", although he said this would not necessarily mean dismissals in the property division.

The provisions more than wipe out Brandts' operating contribution to Brindlays' profits of some £2m. Grindlays itself made a profit of £10.3m compared to £6.8m in 1973. But in addition to the Brandts' provisions it has set aside a further £4.75m on its own account, in view of the conditions in some overseas territories and the general expansion of business.

The major item in the provisions was an amount of some £8.5m allocated to cover the fall in value of property against which loans had been made. This would seem to represent a very substantial proportion of the total property portfolio. A number of different loans are involved, including some made in connexion with North Sea oil on-shore facilities in Scotland. The largest single provision is for around £2m.

Further provisions have been made in respect of the slump in value of the bank's investments, and a "material addition" has been made as well to take account of current conditions.

Because of the overall loss, Grindlays is not paying a final dividend for 1974 to its two shareholders, National and Grindlays Holdings, which has 60 per cent and is in turn 42 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank and First National City Bank, which holds the remaining 40 per cent.

In the first two months of this year, however, the group's profits both at home and overseas are estimated to have produced more than double the profits made in the same period last year.

Grindlays first acquired an interest in Brandts in 1965 when it bought two thirds of the equity. The outstanding one third was finally bought from the Brandt family for £6.5m in 1972.

Since then an effort has been made to build up merchant banking strength in corporate finance and the international division, which is heavily involved in Eurocurrency loan syndications. But until now little has been done to strengthen the basic loan operations.

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Borrowing estimate up after US tax cuts

From Frank Vogl
New York, April 1

Official estimate of the United States Treasury's borrowing needs for the first half of this year has been increased to $41,000m, from the projection of $28,000m it announced on February 24.

The increase directly reflects the cost to the Treasury of making tax rebates and tax reductions as a result of the new tax Act signed by President Ford on Saturday night.

The new estimate is only $3,000m above the internal Treasury estimates disclosed in The Times two weeks ago, and senior Treasury officials are confident that they will be able to raise all they need in the next three months in the markets without great difficulty.

The real problem, however, concerns the second half of 1975, and even some highly respected economists, who advocated a large tax cutting Bill, are now deeply concerned about the market problems that may emerge as the Treasury continues borrowing at a heavy rate beyond mid-year.

Some economists are privately remarking that the Act signed by the President is such a hurried and ill-conceived package of legislation that it will neither give the economy the sort of sharp shot in the arm so widely desired, nor make it possible for Mr Ford to veto a large number of heavy public spending bills that Congress will send to him later in the year.

A growing number of experts are taking the view that the boost to consumer spending given by the payment of tax rebates in May and June will be slow in emerging, as a great portion of the rebates first move into savings and into reducing existing debts.

UCS creditors may ask Ombudsman to rule on £7.6m debts

By Peter Hill

Creditors of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders still owed £7.6m following the collapse of the company four years ago, which the Government has refused to pay, may ask the Parliamentary Commissioner (the Ombudsman) to arbitrate on their claim that the Government should be made liable.

The possibility will be discussed by the Committee of Inspection, representatives of the hundreds of the ordinary creditors of the bankrupt shipbuilding group, when they meet Mr Robert Smith, the UCS liquidator, today.

Mr Smith, a Glasgow accountant, confirmed that a possible submission to the Ombudsman would be discussed at the meeting, although it was unlikely that any final decision would be taken.

The only other course open to the creditors would be litigation, which since UCS was a company registered in Scotland would have to be pursued through the Scottish courts.

Mr Smith said the first step would be to decide whether to take the matter further in the light of the Government's rejection of the claim that it was liable. If so, the creditors would in the first stage have to seek legal advice—advice which had not been taken until the Government had replied to his submissions.

The creditors' case against the Government is largely based on a report commissioned by the liquidator from Professor David Flint, Professor of Accountancy at Glasgow University, under the terms of section 332 (1) of the Companies Act, with particular reference to the possible liability of the UCS directors and the Government.

The report raised important questions on the involvement of Government in industry and particularly the issue of what has become known as "Beagle-type" liability.

In the case of Beagle Aircraft, the Government's ownership of the company and its close involvement in its affairs led the Government to conclude that it had a responsibility to assume liability for all the company's debts.

At the beginning of last month Mr Benn, in a letter to Mr Smith, said the Government had been advised that there were no grounds on which a legal case could be sustained against the Government under Section 332, nor did the Government accept that it had a moral responsibility to pay the £7.6m.

If, on legal advice, the creditors decide to pursue their case in the courts, the liquidator, who is an official appointed by the Court of Session, would make an application to the court for a direction under Section 332.

Esso chief forecasts big drop in demand

By Anthony Rowley

A bleak picture of oil industry prospects in 1975 was painted yesterday by Dr A. W. Pearce, chairman and chief executive of the Esso Petroleum Company, the British subsidiary of Exxon Corporation of New Jersey, America.

He said: "The outlook for the oil industry is one of greatly reduced volume caused by the effects of price, balance of payments factors, and energy conservation programmes.

"The result will be appreciable idle investment at a time of high inflation, causing major increase in our unit operating costs. Generating an adequate cash flow and profit level under these circumstances will only be achieved if we have an adaptable, slim organization."

Last year, he added, Esso had more than doubled net profits to £56.2m.

Esso Petroleum Company's profits last year included £22.3m of stock appreciation, and without these the return of 10 per cent achieved on net assets would have been only 6 per cent, Esso said. The stock profits resulted from the fivefold increase in the cost of crude oil between late 1973 and the end of 1974.

Esso's working capital needs rose by £188m last year, mainly because of the higher price of crude oil. This could not be met by internal cash generation and "substantial" additional borrowing was necessary.

Sales volumes were 4 per cent below those in 1973. Turnover increased in value, however, by £657m to £1,456m, which included £374m of duties and VAT.

117 holiday firms fail to renew licences by midnight deadline

By Patricia Tisdall

The Civil Aviation Authority, which is responsible for licensing tour operators, last night issued the names of 117 holiday firms whose licences had not been renewed by the deadline of midnight on Monday. A further 16 firms were named as not having applied for renewal of their Air Travel Organizers' Licences.

There are a variety of reasons why the licences have not been renewed. But many small travel firms have had difficulties in meeting the CAA's tougher bonding requirements, designed to protect holidaymakers in the event of financial failure.

The bonds were increased from yesterday to either 10 or 15 per cent of projected turnover (depending on whether or not the company is a member of the industry's trade association). This money has to be set aside to fulfil the bonding requirements.

The CAA was criticized after the collapse of the Court Line group because the funds then available under the bonding scheme, although sufficient to repatriate holidaymakers, was not enough to reimburse clients who had not yet travelled.

Since then there have been two increases in the bonding requirements, one in October and another on April 1. At the time of the last increase the CAA, for the first time, issued a list of firms who had not had their licences granted by the closure date. Many companies on that list, however, had simply been slow in completing the formalities.

Licence waiting list

Travel organizers named on this list are those who have applied for their licences to be renewed but whose applications have not yet been granted. In some cases, the Authority has yet to reach a final decision, in others, the Authority has agreed to grant the application subject to the travel organizer renewing his bond and completing certain formalities.

Inclusion in this list does not necessarily mean that the Authority has doubts as to the travel organizer's financial resources.

A. B. & Sons Limited, Abingdon Travel Agency, Aegina Club, Air Marketing International, Albionair Chartours, Algarve Villas, Alidair, Almeria Holidays & Villas, Anglia Holidays, Anglo Scottish American Group, Archers Travel.

Bales Tours, Beeline Roadways, Bennetts Travel (UK), Bestways Travel Services (London), Blacks Travel Agency, Blue Cars Southbound, Bon Voyage, Briggs & Hill, Britalia Travel.

Cambrian Air Holidays, Chelsun Travel, Citol International Tour Operators, Club 18-30 (London), Contours, Cosmopolitan Holidays, Crawford Perry Travel, Cresta World Travel, Cunard Line.

Dixon Travel Agency, Dulwich Travel; Elsmore & Co, Enterprise Travel, ETA Tours, Eupo Air (Holdings), Europlan Holidays, Executive Travel, Express Boyd.

Fairways & Swinford Travel, Forest of Dean Travel Co, Fryer Travel; Gala Air Holidays, German Students Travel Service, Gibraltar Travel, Golf Villa Holidays, Gower Travel, Grampian Travel, Greek Tourist Agency, Green Lane Travel (Air & Shipping).

Hards Travel Service, Highway Holidays, Holiday Fellowship, Holiday Villas, Hosts, Hunting Lambert, Intasun North, Inter City Tours, Intercontinental Holidays (London).

James Vance Travel, Jasun Gold, Joe Walsh Tours; Kays Tours, Kenbri Travels, Kendall Travel Service, Kenning Travel; Letchford Tours & Travel, Libra Travel Holdings, Lynton Cooper Travel.

Magna Carta (General Business Services), Majorcan Apartment & Holiday Sce, Mancunia Travel, Martlet Travel, M. D. Travel, Musgrove & Watson Overseas, NAT Eurotours; Overseas Families & Friends Association.

Pilgrim Air. Polinatours, Presbyterian Fellowship, Preston Travel; Ray Powell, Redfern Travel, Redwood Travel, Rose & Maple Amity Club.

Scantours, Scotia Transport, Seasport Holidays, Silvair Holidays, Sky Travel (London), Small World (Travel), South Mediterranean Estates, Sport & Travel, Standens Travel, Starvillas, Strata Travel, Sunna Travel, Sun Villas.

Tee Mill Services, Towns Travel Service, Trafalgar Travels, Trans Euro Travel, Travelscene, Travel Tickets, Travelwise International (Manchester), Turavia International Holidays.

Ulster Maple Leaf Club, Ultima Travel (Little Sutton), United Travel Bureau; Valexander Tours, Villas Abroad, Villas Italia, VSI Travel; Waymark Holidays, Wealdstone Travel, World Friends Travel, WSI Holdings.

The following air travel organizers have not applied for renewal.

Brent Travel, 1820 Memorial Settlers Assn of South Africa, Escombe McGrath & Co, Grand Metropolitan, International Flight Clearing House, Jet Age Tours, A. T. Mays, McIntosh Aviation Services, Munro's Tourist Agency, Red Dragon Travel, Templewood Aviation International, Thistle Air Brokers, E. Thornton & Son, *Tyrolean Travel, USItravel.

*The trading name of Tyrolean Travel has been added to the licence of Inghams Travel.

Job outlook still gloomy says survey

Job prospects, already at their slimmest for several years, are unlikely to improve in the next three months. So says a survey involving 3,541 companies in 30 different industries conducted by Manpower, the international service group.

Recruitment since January has remained at its lowest level since Manpower began its quarterly surveys eight years ago, and a "profound slowdown" in labour movement is reported.

Only 13.7 per cent of employers said they would take on labour in the coming quarter. Even employment in the hotel and catering industries, traditionally buoyant now, has slumped, with recruitment below average.

In the primary and heavy industries only heavy engineering shows increased labour demand, with 24.2 per cent of firms expecting to increase recruitment against 21.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

Bank employees split over pay claim

Some members of the National Union of Bank Employees will, this month, urge their leaders to break off merger talks with the banking staff associations. The call will come at the union's conference in Manchester.

Their anger is directed towards three associations over the NUBE's 20 per cent pay claim lodged in London yesterday with the employers. The associations insist that the claim should be for only 12 per cent to cover the cost of living increase.

Building strike ends

Work will restart today on the Inland Revenue office block site in Bootle, Liverpool, with the return of 35 construction men. They had been dismissed for alleged industrial misconduct. McAlpines, the contractors, and the Union of Construction Workers have reached a compromise peace formula which the men accepted yesterday.

Wage freeze opposed

Trade union fears of a wage freeze, or some other form of restraint on incomes, are reflected in the agenda for the annual congress of the Scottish TUC, issued yesterday. Two big unions have both tabled motions expressing opposition to any income policy involving wage regulation through interference in free collective bargaining.

Ford-Volvo talks

Ford Motor Company of America has disclosed it has discussed selling one of its assembly plants to Volvo, the Swedish car maker, which has already announced plans to be the first foreign motor manufacturer to build cars in America. Ford declined to say which of its 17 United States car and truck assembly plants was considered.

GEC wins £50m order

GEC has received an order worth more than £50m for the supply of three 600 MW turbine generators for a new coal-fired power station in the Eastern Transvaal of South Africa.

Food groups prepare Price Code dossier

By Hugh Clayton

Food manufacturers are preparing a dossier about the Price Code to be submitted to officials at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection. They believe that this will lead ultimately to policy changes by the Price Commission and relaxations in interpretation of the code.

The Food and Drink Industries Council said yesterday that it had asked its 20 member trade association for case histories of anomalous or otherwise unfair interpretation of the code by the commission.

This was decided after talks with officials at the department that began with deadlock. The council asked for immediate abolition of the Price Code, and the department said that the wording would stand unchanged until the present counter-inflation laws expired in a year.

However, after the formal statement of opposite views the talks settled into a detailed discussion of the industry's plight. Ministers did not attend.

The content of the talks has not been revealed because the question of altering interpretation of the code comes perilously close to that of the degree to which the Price Commission, a statutory, non-political body, can preserve its cherished independence from Government departments.

Mr Tim Fortescue, secretary-general of the council, said yesterday that three aspects of the code bore especially hard on the food processing industry.

First, the productivity deduction was still having a disproportionate effect on the labour-intensive food industry despite relaxation last year.

Second, the base dates for calculations under the rules in the code had caught the industry at particularly embarrassing moments.

Third, once food companies had fallen below their reference levels, recovery to high profits through allowable costs was often restricted.

Wankel output cut

Citroen and Audi NSU are cutting production of Wankel rotary engines at their joint plant in West Germany because of poor sales, a Citroen spokesman said yesterday.

Building orders fall

Contracts for future United States construction in February were 23 per cent below the year-ago level, with the value of new work totalling $4,955.1m, the F. W. Dodge division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co said yesterday.

Anglo-French pool for underwriting oil risks

By Our Financial Staff

A move to give British and French insurers a better appreciation of what is involved in underwriting oil and petrochemical risks was announced yesterday. An example of the sort of risk involved was the Flixborough explosion, which will cost the insurance industry an estimated £50m.

In future the leading United Kingdom composite insurance companies, such as Commercial Union, Royal and Guardian Royal Exchange together with French insurers, will pool their underwriting of such risks insured in the London market.

They will do this through International Oil Insurers, an association formed for the purpose, which will have international reinsurance backing and which will operate from an underwriting room next door to the Lloyd's building in Lime Street in the City of London.

IOI will provide material damage and consequential loss cover on land-based installations and services. Marine oil risks on rigs, etc, will continue to be underwritten by the separate companies.

The new association has its own surveyors and technicians to enable the member companies to assess risks better in "a field where rapidly changing technology is allied to increasingly high value exposures". Similar arrangements already exist in other specialized areas, such as power station insurance.

Law insurance plan: A new insurance company, offering protection against the costs of defending motoring prosecutions and other civil disputes, was launched yesterday by its joint parents, Phoenix Assurance and Deutscher Automobil Schutz, of Munich.

The new company, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company, is the first of its kind to offer cover against legal expenses in this country since it became permissible to do so in 1967. (Although there is a broker sponsored policy which came on the market last year.)

'Encouraging' offshore gas find by Burmah Oil

By Roger Vielvoye

A new well drilled on the Amethyst gasfield in the southern part of the North Sea has produced "encouraging" amounts of gas.

Burmah Oil said the well in block 47/14 tested at flow rates of up to 11.3 million cubic feet a day through a half-inch choke.

Amethyst is in shallow water some 20 miles off the mouth of the Humber. Although two wells have produced gas there is no suggestion that the field is large.

Burmah is the operator and has a 32 per cent interest in the block. Other members of the consortium are: ICI (32 per cent); Canadian Industrial Gas and Oil and Northern and Central Gas (10 per cent each); Murphy Petroleum and Ocean Exploration (6 per cent each); and Axel Johnson Exploration (4 per cent).

N Sea interest sold: Mitchell Energy and Development said in Houston, Texas, that it had sold the stock of its Mitchell Energy Netherlands subsidiary to General American Oil Co of Texas for more than $1m. The subsidiary's assets include a 2½ per cent interest in about 1.2 million acres in The Netherlands and German continental shelf areas of the North Sea.

Currency curbs by Swiss

Berne, April 1.—Banks in Switzerland will have to balance daily the amounts in each one of their foreign currency accounts, starting today, the government announced.

Up to nok, at the end of trading only the total amount of foreign currency liabilities had to be equal to foreign currency receivables. According to the new rule, this will have to be true separately for each currency.

The government said it introduced the measure to make it impossible for banks to keep speculative positions which could contribute to the over-valuation of the Swiss franc against other currencies.

It based its action on decrees on foreign currency positions of July 5 and October 11, 1972.

The Swiss national bank said today it had concluded an agreement with the banks operating in Switzerland aimed at giving the central bank more information on foreign exchange transactions.

Arabs 'in $100m deal for Paris office block'

The Kuwait Government was reported yesterday to have purchased an office block in Paris for $100m. This would be the largest direct Arab investment in France to date. The office block is the 29-storey, 700,000 square foot Manhattan Tower, in the La Defense area of Paris, scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

The troubled United Kingdom property group, London City & Westcliff, where there has been a series of management changes following the departure of the former chairman Mr. Harry Landy, of the Israel-British Bank has an interest, believed to be around 10 per cent, in the building.

Some other United Kingdom companies or financial institutions are also believed to be involved.

In London City & Westcliff's annual report, published last week, it was stated that negotiations then in hand to sell the site would enable recovery of original costs and some profit, but no details of the terms of the deal have been announced.

Talks to resume on typewriter group closure

Talks are to be resumed this week between union leaders and management representatives of Imperial Typewriters at Hull. Workers have been sitting-in at the factory in protest against its closure and pending the outcome of a study into the feasibility of a Government-backed rescue operation.

Until last Thursday there was no formal communication between the two sides since a meeting early in March broke up in disarray. Mr F. J. St Clair, the plant manager, said the atmosphere of last week's discussions was "quite different". The talks have been held under the supervision of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Japan to restart steel plant investment

Tokyo, April 1.—Japan is to resume capital outlay to the steel industry for plant and equipment in anticipation of a world-wide shortage of steel products in a few years time, according to industry sources.

Equipment investment by six leading Japanese steel manufacturing companies during the 1975 fiscal year starting today, is expected to total 1,245,700m yen (about £180,000m), an increase of 54.1 per cent over the last fiscal year.

To secure funds for the investment, the companies plan to raise domestic industrial debentures, place external bonds, and borrow from foreign as well as Japanese banks.

Nippon Steel Corporation announced yesterday it is issuing a domestic convertible debenture of 30,000m yen. The money will be used to cover part of the funds required for Nippon Steel's investment, totalling 310,000m yen this year.

Kawasaki Steel Corporation, which has already announced a plan to increase its capital by a third, said it will shortly place a DM100m loan in Frankfurt.

Nippon Kokan K.K. has raised a DM100m bond, while Kobe Steel is privately placing a bond for Swiss franc 50m.

Sumitomo Metal Industries, Kawasaki, and Kobe Steel, have each been authorized to build a blast furnace. Taking into account two more blast furnaces already under construction as replacements for old ones, the industry's total production capacity will probably increase to 140 million tonnes in two years time, from the present 120 million tonnes.

The company stated that Japanese steel mills are expecting a world-wide shortage of steel, despite a present recession which is forcing them to cut-back production by about 15 per cent.

A semi-official advisory committee for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry has forecast that Japan will need to produce 188.4 million tonnes of crude steel in 1985, including 40 million tonnes for export.

The committee has also estimated that world-wide steel needs will reach 1,012 million tonnes by 1985, against estimated world steel output of 964 million tonnes.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 114.71 −0.37
FT index: 279.9 −0.6

Rises

Allied Plant	5p to 24p
Ass Port Cement	5p to 125p
Bk of Ireland	20p to 390p
Distillers	11p to 106½p
Dunlop	1p to 40p
Formfinster	4p to 44p
GKN	2p to 211p
Hutchison Int	2p to 28p
Jardine M'son	8p to 364p
Paterson Zoch	30p to 300p
Philips Lamp	10p to 815p
Rio Tinto	2p to 131p
Royal Worcs	5p to 112p
Snia Viscosa	5p to 190p

Falls

Beecham	2p to 199p
BP	7p to 338p
Brit Am Tob	2p to 275p
Brit Debt	4p to 12p
Com Union	2p to 134p
Cons Gold	6p to 206p
EMI	2p to 92p
Gadek	5p to 68p
Kinross	5p to 640p
Reed Int	7p to 197p
Royal	6p to 228p
Sentrust	10p to 400p
Shell	2p to 222p
Unilever	2p to 320p

Equities had a quiet day. The FT Index closed 0.6 down at 279.9.
Gilts made small gains in quiet trading.
Sterling rose by 50 points to $2.4085.
Gold rose by 25 cents to $177¼.
SDR-$ was 0.51801 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.51869.
Commodities: Reuters' index rose by 3.8 points yesterday to 1,094.8.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	41.50	39.50
Belgium Fr	87.00	84.25
Canada $	2.45	2.40
Denmark Kr	13.40	13.00
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.35	10.05
Germany DM	5.80	5.60
Greece Dr	71.75	69.50
Hongkong $	11.65	11.30
Italy Lr	1550.00	1495.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	5.90	5.70
Norway Kr	12.15	11.80
Portugal Esc	59.50	57.50
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.76
Spain Pes	136.50	131.50
Sweden Kr	9.70	9.40
Switzerland Fr	6.20	6.00
US $	2.45	2.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	38.25

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Diversification pays dividends

In 1974 the Oyez companies greatly benefited from their programme of diversification in closely related spheres of activity. Consequently, we were able to achieve record sales and profits for the eighth consecutive year, despite current trading conditions.

Pre-tax profits to 31st December are up from £1,086,472 in 1973 to £1,263,370 this year and earnings per share have increased from 5·15p to 5·63p.

Our business expansion included our first acquisition in Europe – J. Frankfort, S.A., the second largest wholesaler of stationery in Belgium.

Oyez International Business Communications, our new subsidiary promoting conferences and seminars, had a very successful year, which included the staging of events in Johannesburg and Toronto.

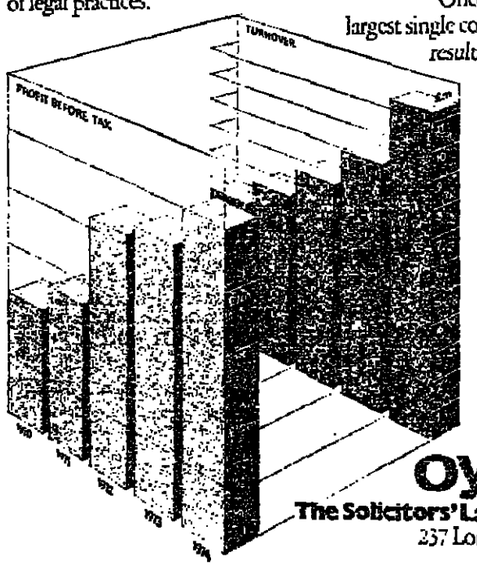
Oyez Press, our printing subsidiary, moved into its new London works, considered to be one of the best equipped in the area.

Oyez Publishing made the second largest contribution to profits and the performance of the books division was particularly encouraging.

Oyez Reprographics is now contributing to profits and has increased its product range of electrostatic copiers.

Oyez Services was affected by the recession in the legal, accountancy and building professions but our computer services were taken up by a growing number of legal practices.

Once again, Oyez Stationery made the largest single contribution to the Group's results, achieving record sales and profits. Tower Stationery was formed following successful expansion in the commercial market.



In these uncertain times it is difficult to predict our future prospects but we believe we have the team and the talents to maintain our growth. You can see more clearly our reasons for saying this by reading this year's Annual Report. The Secretary will gladly send you one.

R A Hodges, Chairman

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Brandts: weighing the cost to Grindlays

Brandts would apparently remain solvent after its £14m of provisions even without Grindlays in the background to repair the damage. But it would be in serious trouble.

At the end of 1973 it had capital and reserves of £19.8m supporting a balance sheet total of £315m—an increase on the previous year, incidentally, of over 40 per cent. On top of that there were concealed inner reserves, but until Grindlays moved in in 1965 there were none and the build up since then has not always been smooth, so they were probably not very large.

In short, an operating profit in 1974 of some £2m, whatever the tax position, could not have prevented the balance sheet from looking so horrifyingly geared as to send the bank's depositors scurrying instantly for cover. A capital injection to prevent this happening looks inevitable and Grindlays is, indeed, undertaking to maintain capital and deposits in proper balance.

That should let Brandts down lightly, but only at some cost to Grindlays itself. Because so much of its profits are earned overseas there is unlikely to be much of a tax offset against the United Kingdom losses. The after-tax loss could therefore be a good deal larger than the £6.5m shown at the pre-tax level and this, in turn, points to a substantial reduction in the £79m of end-1973 capital. With £1,330m of deposits on its books, Grindlays was already looking fully geared, however, and since then the assets have increased by some £200m.



Sir Charles Forte, chief executive of Trust Houses Forte: trimming capital spending plans.

reverse, like that last year at Trust Houses Forte, the mind concentrates on borrowings. At THF these rose £20m to £168m, but that burden, while heavy, is not too pressing. Only £6m is repayable this year and this will be rolled-over using the outstanding $25m of loan facilities.

Meanwhile, THF is tightening its belt. Projected capital spending has been reduced to £9m against historic cash flow of £10.3m. Expansion is still under way with the remainder of the United States funds which will probably be invested in TraveLodge where the 79 per cent stake was acquired for £30m.

On the trading front and ahead of the Budget and the annual meeting there appears to be litle overall change. But property sales and interest rates have helped, with sharp recent falls in interest rates worth around £1m a year to profits.

An improvement in earnings is possible. Last year's were 5p computed on a normal tax charge and disregarding non-trading items and on a stated CPP calculation of 35p. But much depends on the Allied Breweries stake of 26 per cent. It is now unlikely that anything, apart from an agreed merger will take place, while continued stalemate is more likely. The THF shares closed at 100p last night. That adds £12.5m to the £9m book value of Allied's stake struck after a £23m writedown in its latest accounts.

Accounts: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £83.6m
Net assets £108m (£106m)
Borrowings £168m (£148m)
Pre-tax profit £11.3m (£23.7m)
Earnings per share *5.04p (10.3p)

* *Assuming a normal tax charge, and not on profits on property sales and pre-acquisition profits.*

Albright & Wilson

Balance sheet strength

Albright & Wilson's accounts add very little to the cheering preliminary message, except, perhaps, to emphasize the slackening of growth towards the final quarter of the year. In a year when most in the chemicals sector had everything going for them, the Newfoundland phosphorus plant came spectacularly into the black. Quite how spectacularly it is impossible to say, but detergent raw materials, the group's single largest profit centre last year produced operating income up from £3.2m to £9.7m, while the other phosphorus interests moved from losses of £100,000 to profits of £5.1m.

But the share price at 68½p yesterday has stagnated since the preliminary figures and it is not difficult to see why. The report has no pretensions about the Newfoundland plant being anything near satisfactory yet although the phosphorus price, still at a high level and possibly permanently so, will continue to help matters in the current year. Elsewhere in the group Bush Boake Allen pushed up its contribution by a fifth to £3.6m, while fertilizers, another beneficiary of rising prices, turned in £3.6m as against £1.3m.

While some of the group's trading areas will suffer a rougher passage in the current 12 months the balance sheet looks good. With cash flow running at over £21m against increased working capital requirements of £24m and net borrowings only marginally up if one adds back the Tenneco loan stock. But the shares, on a fully diluted p/e ratio of 5¼, do not look particularly exciting with Tenneco apparently having to keep its shareholding just short of effective control.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £80.5m
Net assets £73.6m (£42.9m)
Borrowings £22.7m (£35.1m)
Pre-tax profit £22.8m (£7.48m)
Earnings per share 12.3p (5.3p)

Bank of Scotland

Pension costs soar

With its February year-end the Bank of Scotland was hardly going to do any better than the English clearers with interest rates on a downward trend and loan business becoming increasingly sluggish over its final quarter. And so it turns out, with full-year operating profits down from £24.1m to £22.3m and the second-half looking to be down by around a fifth. But just how much that really tells us about trends is another matter: specific bad debt provisions were, not unexpectedly, significantly higher than in 1973-74.

Below the operating level the outcome, at least at first sight, looks somewhat worse than might have been expected. In fact it is more the change in presentation—lumping both the additional pension and bad debt provisions above the line at the year end—than the figures themselves that provide the explanation here. The general bad debt provision has been doubled to £2m, while the additional pension commitments are up from £3.5m to £6.5m. Once the Bank moves on to its new pension scheme this year—allocations for the change takes a further £500,000 below the line—these additional pension provisions should cease, or so the theory runs. But whether larger contributions (struck before operating profits) will in fact provide a completely sound scheme is still going to depend on the relative rates of inflation and investment returns.

Whether or not the bank—the volume of funds employed last year was up by around a fifth—is going to outperform the English clearers in the current year remains to be seen despite the growing pressure "to get the oil ashore". For the moment a yield of 6 per cent would seem to leave the shares reasonably rated at 205p.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £66.1m
Pre-tax profits £14.0m (£19.6m)
Dividend gross 12.4p (11p)

Vosper

David Brown buys more

David Brown Holdings, the ultimate holding company for Sir David Brown's interests, has been topping up its holding recently in Vosper Thorneycroft, which is, of course, a shipbuilding nationalization candidate. DBH bought 176,274 ordinary shares (3 per cent of this equity class) between February 13 and March 21—a period which slightly overlaps the announcement of the nationalization terms. So, DBH must have been buying at prices around 90p or over during much of this period, while indicated compensation is around 72p a share, and a number of analysts had guessed correctly before the event that compensation might be based on a six-month stock market capitalization basis.

It appears that DBH was simply following its long-term aim of adding to its Vosper holding whenever the price falls "below a certain level". One does not know to what percentage of the equity that ambition extends—David Brown Interests now own about 42 per cent of the ordinary shares—though it appears academic now in any case in view of imminent nationalization.

For what it is worth in the face of the Benn compensation formula, both Vosper and Sir David seem to think that compensation to Vosper ought to be up to three times the estimated figure. If that conviction bore any fruit in negotiation, DBH's recent purchases would appear in a different light. Last night's price for Vosper was 67½p.

Trust Houses Forte

The borrowings picture

High gearing is fine when profits are moving sharply ahead but when there is a

Fishermen's losing battle

The blockade by North Sea fishermen of the Scottish and north-east ports has served to draw to the attention of the public, and the Government, the plight of British fishermen fighting a losing battle against low cost imports of foreign fish from countries outside the EEC.

Most men who man the North Sea fleet feel that apart from a certain amount of public sympathy, their efforts have gained them little but a demonstration of masterly inactivity by Mr Fred Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, an offer by the Norwegians to take less profit than heretofore when unloading their catches on the open British market and a further chat with Mr Hugh Brown, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland.

Whether or not Mr Brown will be able to hold out renewed hope of more sympathetic consideration by the Government is a matter for conjecture but the betting is that Mr Peart is not prepared to ask for import quotas or restrictions of any kind against Norwegian and Icelandic catches.

If this proves to be the case it will be of considerable comfort to the owners of five or six Norwegian freezer trawlers which are understood to be steaming towards Grimsby with 3,000 tons of frozen fish they have caught under contract to British deep-freeze interests.

The action and problems of the North Sea men, however, is just the tip of the iceberg upon which the entire British fishing industry could founder. The British Trawlers' Federation, speaking for the vast majority of the distant water vessels not involved in the present blockading dispute, is concerned that the Government is showing little or no interest at this stage in the vexed question of fisheries limits.

The BTF believe that irrespective of any decision taken by the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, now in session in Geneva, the Government should be preparing to take unilateral action to impose a 200 miles fisheries limit. This, they believe is a matter of top priority. Its next priority says the BTF should be to start immediate negotiations with EEC partners to amend the Common Fisheries policy so that Britain might fully benefit from such a limit

Whatever the outcome of the Law of the Sea conference the United States, Canada, Iceland and Norway have already indicated that they each intend declaring a 200 miles limit.

In effect this will mean that all fishing vessels excluded by these four countries will descend upon traditional British fishing grounds which will be rapidly outfished, unless Britain takes similar action and imposes a 200 miles limit. A BTF spokesman said that a reluctance by Britain to impose limits unilaterally was well known. "The Government will huff and puff and by the time they decide on some action, six months will have passed and we shall have had foreign vessels fishing and be unable to get rid of them."

It is made crystal clear by the BTF that they are not asking for unilateral action before the UNLSC has taken a decision on limits. They simply want the Government to be prepared to follow suit when the United States, Canada, Iceland and Norway impose limits.

The BTF's new attitude towards unilateral impositions of this kind will no doubt cause raised eyebrows internationally, if only for the fact that the Federation came out strongly against Iceland, who sought to unilaterally impose the 50 miles limit which sparked off the "cod war". In answer the BTF observed that Iceland's action was in isolation whereas action by America, Canada, Iceland and Norway would affect the world fishing situation.

Problems do not end there, however, for if a 200 miles limit were achieved for Britain, under existing EEC arrangements Britain's European partners would share with her, exclusive fishing rights. The BTF wants the Community Fisheries policy amended so that Britain will have exclusive rights within the first 100 miles and EEC partners alone would be allowed to fish within the second 100 miles of the limit.

It is hoped that existing arrangements between Britain, Norway and Iceland permitting Britain to fish, albeit in a restricted manner, in their zones, would be continued, when those two countries impose their own 200 miles limits.

The British fishing industry is clearly in a mess and thinks it is suffering from lack of sympathy and attention. If the interest stirred up by the North Sea fishermen's dispute is not maintained, something more impressive could be attempted by the big ships, to draw attention to their own problems.

Ronald Kershaw

Collective bargaining in Soviet factories

An unusual souvenir from a recent visit to the Soviet Union may prove of more than passing interest during Mr Shelepin's visit to Britain in the Soviet trade union delegation. It is a small, dun-covered booklet perhaps five inches by four, running to 90 closely typed pages of printed text, appendices and tables. It is entitled "Collective Agreement 1974" and bears the imprint of Zaporozhstal, a Ukrainian steel works on the cover. Small enough but proof positive that plant bargaining of a kind unknown in the United Kingdom does take place in the USSR.

Though basic rates for the different jobs in Soviet industry are laid down at national level, since the advent of the new economic policy in the mid-sixties, factories have been able to pursue a more flexible line in dealing with the natural aspirations of workpeople for better wages, working conditions and housing.

Depending on the profitability of the enterprise, up to 50 per cent of a worker's wages may be locally determined, the percentages rarely slip below 20 per cent. Some of the profit (*pribul*) generated by the factory can be channelled into three funds: one for "development of production", ie, buying new plant; one for social investment, eg, housing, and a third for "material incentives", or a straight cash stimulus to higher productivity.

Zaporozhstal, one of the most efficient steelworks in the USSR, situated on the left bank of the Dneiper in the heart of industrial Ukraine, turned in a *pribul* of 216.5m roubles last year (approximately £135m at tourist exchange rates, which are not a true guide). The comparable figure for 1965 was R122.5m. Wages 10 years ago averaged R143 a month, and are now R172, or about R30 more than the national average.

From the plant's profits R16m were set aside for the three funds covering 19,000 employees. Of this half, under law, went to the production development fund. R3m went on new housing, and R5m went into the pay packets of the workers as "material incentive" to higher productivity.

Men in the higher paid, onerous steelmaking jobs earn R300 to R400 a month, and the story is told in the visitor's reception room: productivity up by nearly 55 per cent since 1965; unit costs down by 10 per cent; output of steel up by 28 per cent, and rolled products 29 per cent.

The new collective agreement for 1975 had just been negotiated when I visited the plant recently, and the printed version will doubtless start off in the same heroic vein that the 1974 version did: "Carrying out the course laid down by the central committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Council of Ministers of the USSR, the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, and the Central Committee of the Young Communist League, the collective has achieved new labour successes."

The meat of the Zaporozhstal collective agreement, which like all others in the USSR is renegotiated annually, is divided into six sections. First, and most important, is on fulfilment of the production plan and commitments to bring about scientific and technological progress at the plant. This takes up 12 pages, and almost as much is then devoted to payment and grading of jobs at the plant.

Improvement of social insurance and working conditions takes another seven pages, a section on improving housing and cultural facilities for workers and their families another four. The education and training of youth occupies four more pages, and a special section on women three and a table.

The system of bargaining the *Collectivii Dogobor*, as it is correctly known, is designed to fit all enterprises and all parts of the vast Soviet empire. At a Tashkent plant making fabrics, the deputy chairman of the trade union committee, Valentina Fazalaeva, said the administration (it is never translated as "management") was obliged to produce all the facts about production targets and other issues such as reequipment. For their part, the workers commit themselves to fulfil these objectives "through political and educational work and through socialist emulation".

These two concepts have no comparison in the United Kingdom, and spring directly from the political nature of Soviet society. "Political education" means inculcating the Communist attitude to labour, which boils down to hard, conscientious work. "Socialist emulation" is carefully organized competition between individual workers, or groups of workers, or parts of a factory of competing plants. The goal in both cases is over-fulfilment of the plan.

Success in these fields will yield extra profit for the enterprise and thus more opportunity to hike up wages from the factory's funds.

The collective agreement itself is drawn up in stages, and goes out in draft form to shopfloor meetings before being signed jointly by the plant director and the chairman of the trade union committee. Whether these meetings are really consultative, or merely perfunctory as may be guessed from the official Soviet-English language paper on the unions which admits "substantial shortcomings" in the negotiation of collective agreements.

At Zaporozhstal, there are 3,200 Communist Party members, 83 per cent of them manual workers. Four fifths of the blastfurnacemen and steelmakers are in the Party, and Alexander Gerasimenko described their role as the provision of "an example of their own good labour, their participation in socialist competition, and the organization of their group of workers to ensure that the plan is fulfilled".

Plainly, this combination of material and moral stimuli towards higher output, and the mixture of social and industrial priorities in factory agreements is a style of collective bargaining completely outside British experience.

It is foreign to our traditions. But of course the unions in the USSR are not based on our traditions, but on Communist development. Chastising the Soviet unions for not behaving like their British counterparts is about as productive an exercise as blaming a dog for not being a cat.

Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Rift widens between Congress and President's advisers

President Ford's economic programme of two months ago has already been torn to shreds by a Congress that is being driven more by emotion than cool analysis towards ever greater reflationary measures.

The President's chief advisers have abandoned all hope of holding the budget deficit for the next fiscal year to around $50,000m (about £20,833m) and they concede the final deficit could be twice as great.

The latest round in the legislative battle has clearly gone to the Congress with the President at the weekend signing under protest a Bill, passed by Congress, which cuts taxes by 50 per cent more than Mr Ford had thought desirable.

The uncertainty over the substance and timing of any action by the Congress had led to deep frustration in the Administration.

The President's chief economic policy advisers, Alan Greenspan, Dr Arthur Burns and William Simon, still maintain that evidence of an economic recovery will be clearly visible in the second half of this year.

But the recent actions by the Congress have made these men uncertain now as to what the chances are of holding unemployment below 8 per cent, keeping inflation below double figures and avoiding grave economic dislocations, as a result of heavy Treasury borrowing in the autumn to finance the mounting budget deficits.

These officials are becoming increasingly worried about the inflation outlook with every new move the Congress makes. In the crudest terms they view the Congressional leaders as unrealistic populists, who are risking a very real return of grave inflation, to bring about only temporary unemployment relief.

Men like Greenspan, Simon and Burns are alas so rigid in their views that the prospects today of an accommodation between the Congress and the Administration on economic policy seem remote.

But the almost unbridgeable rift between the two main branches of the American government on economic policies is also the product of the considerable disdain with which such Congressional leaders as William Proxmire, Henry Reuss and Hubert Humphrey, view the top men at the White House. Greenspan, Simon and Burns are widely seen on Capitol Hill as unemployed.

The differences of opinion come most closely into focus in the arguments about inflation. The Administration takes the view that a gradual economic upswing, accompanied by high unemployment for some time to come, is the only insurance against a return of galloping inflation.

Congressional leaders maintain that there is so much slack in the economy that highly stimulative fiscal and monetary policies now are unlikely to fuel a new upswing in the rate of general price increases. Both sides have marshalled respected academic economists to support their opinions.

Many private economists are forecasting that given a sizable tax cut in the near future the economy could see inflation below 5 per cent by the end of the year, with real gross national product development at an annual rate of over 7 per cent by the final quarter.

These forecasts are based on econometric models, which many experts in and out of the Administration swiftly point out are just not structured to deal with the unique situation of high inflation and deep recession, nor are they able to predict just what Congress will do.

It is because of all these factors that United States economic policy today is in almost a chaotic state, making it almost impossible for anyone confidently to predict just what is going to happen.

The real test will come when President Ford has to decide whether to approve further spending bills that Congress will send him.

Another confusing and tough battle is raging between the Congress and the White House over energy policies, but here at least there appears to be more hope that a constructive compromise can finally be reached.

In the international economic policy area the situation is worse than anywhere else. The Treasury is frankly complacent about the state of the dollar and the problems of the International Monetary System.

The Federal Reserve Board is more concerned, but top officials there frankly admit that right now they have their hands full just trying to cope with the mounting domestic economic problems.

Frank Vogl

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	1974 £	1973 £
Sales	7,512,954	5,929,634
Profit before tax	690,712	406,262
Profit after tax	318,221	266,169
Ordinary Dividend net	4.4%	4.2%
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.30p	2.72p

The following are highlights from the circulated statement of the Chairman, Mr. A. Lloyd.

TRADING The year has been a period of considerable progress and return on Capital Employed has increased by 50% despite the disruption caused by statutory restriction during last winter. Sales are at a record level, up 30%, and export sales have increased significantly. Costs have increased at an alarming rate throughout the year but nevertheless, due in no small measure to the depreciating pound, prices have remained competitive in export markets.

DIVISIONS High Tension Division profits are higher although the return on capital employed remains inadequate. Whilst the demand for some Low Tension products reduced significantly during the last quarter, profitability has declined only marginally. Unilator contributed its first full year's profits. In the final quarter the recession in the textile industry precipitated a dramatic fall in the demand for Threadguides. At Bullers Engineering this pattern was repeated with high activity until October.

DEVELOPMENTS A freehold factory was purchased in North Wales and the activities of Unilator Technical Ceramics will be transferred there during 1975. At our Hanley Works, plant was installed for the production of Pyrometric Cones, together with a new kiln for firing of kiln furniture.

LIQUIDITY Negotiations are at an advanced stage to ensure that increased facilities for borrowings are available, at reasonable cost, to provide the necessary finance for investment and working capital.

FUTURE Sales for January, 1975 are up 25% and the Board are confident that, subject to the present industrial recessionary tendencies not accelerating sharply, group trading profits for the current year will be maintained.

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Business Diary: The Dorchester's bill • After Jack Jones

Senior fire brigade officers in and around London have lately taken to bringing hoteliers to the Dorchester to show how to pack a hotel with all the latest fire precaution equipment without throwing the establishment's carefully nurtured ambience out of the window.

Robin Oldland, the Dorchester's managing director, does not know whether to feel glad or sorry. Like many a hotelier around the country he has been doing his sums on how much the improvements are costing. Some owners, at the end of that exercise, have already simply put up the shutters.

The Dorchester, with 285 bedrooms and 65 additional sitting rooms, is no longer large by modern standards. Nevertheless, around £1m has been spent in the past four years on refurbishing and redecoration.

The actual fire precautions bill is probably going to come out around the quarter million mark because, although the improvements already in make the hotel a fire chief's exhibition piece, the official fire inspectors' list of requirements has just landed through the letterbox.

One additional staircase alone, to improve one wing's fire exits, will cost £75,000—not an easy bill to swallow in 18 months at the outside when last time the Dorchester's owners, Development Securities, recorded a £49,000 loss for the year on the hotel's operation.



The news that Harry Urwin (far left), long considered the natural successor to Jack Jones (left), who was 61 on Friday, at the Transport and General Workers' Union, is to join the organizing committee of the National Enterprise Board opens up interesting possibilities in his own union. Urwin's decision to take the job is being seen as a recognition that he is unlikely to move up to the number one slot at the TGWU when Jack Jones goes. That leaves as the two new frontrunners Alex Kitson (far right), former leader ofthe Scottish lorry drivers, and Moss Evans (right) who comes from the West Midlands, where Jones himself made his name. The most favoured outsider (at least by himself) is Brian Nicholson, now leading the London dockers in an unofficial capacity, who has often declared his interest in heading the country's largest and most powerful union.

Was ist Das?

Rudolph Skrodzki is the general manager of DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Co (half owned by the Phoenix Assurance) or Defense Automobile Sportive, which began in Le Mans during the First World War.

But Skrodzki, who is now to operate from Bristol, is heir to the didactic style of West Germany, now the home of its parent company, rather than the romantic tradition of France. "Since the time of Adam", he intoned yesterday, "social life has been regulated by law. But there have been infringements which impinge upon the rights of others."

After decrying private vengeance, Skrodzki elaborated upon the mechanisms of the state legal system which replaced it. "But", he added, "it is not enough to have a right, one must be able to enforce it—and that costs money."

This was the cue for the joint company set up by the Phoenix and Deutscher Automobil Schutz. After centuries when it was impossible to invoke outside aid in fighting court cases, it is now possible to offer insurance against legal expenses in this country.

And DAS is the first company off the mark with two policies, one covering possible litigation from car accidents and the second described as family general and consumer protection.

There's only one problem outstanding; the company can't think of a suitable catchphrase or motto—such as the discarded Defence and Security—which the initials DAS could stand for here. But please don't tell us: tell them.

Report gossip

It seems nobody believes Lord Stokes—or any other British Leyland director for that matter—when he insists that he is in the dark about the contents of Sir Don Ryder's report on the future of the motor giant.

Since Sir Don submitted his 200-page document to the Government last Thursday the Corporation's Marylebone headquarters have received hundreds of calls from people who believe they have a contact in the know.

Our favourite contact told us "And when we tell them we know absolutely nothing they still expect us to give them a wink or a nudge in the right direction. They just cannot accept that no one in British Leyland has been given an insight into Ryder's report.

"We want to know what's in it as much as anyone else. We read the newspapers every morning hoping that someone has picked up an inspired leak."

For what it is worth, the latest gossip in the industry suggests that there has been a split in Sir Don's team. The ex-IPC chief is said to be urging the formation of a two-tier organization—a holding company loosely controlling subsidiary companies

This is the sort of line-up George Turnbull advocated for so long and which eventually led to his resignation as group managing director. It could also account for the persistent reports that approaches have been made to Turnbull urging an early return for a key appointment when he has got South Korea's fledgling motor industry off the ground.

Stanley Gillen, the ex-Ford Europe chief, is said to have disagreed with this GKN type of approach. Not unnaturally he is believed to have stuck out for a fully rationalized, centrally controlled organization similar to that which has made Ford one of the best run motor groups in Europe.

"*The time has come . . . to persuade end-users to become more product-conscious.*" (*Chairmanufacturer.*)

Montfort
(KNITTING MILLS) LIMITED

Extracts from the Statement by Mr M I Meakin, Chairman, on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1974.

- Group turnover of £5,792,117 – a 17% increase on 1973 and the highest on record.
- Net profit of £254,463 pre-tax – whilst lower than last year, still the second highest figure attained by the Group.
- Final Dividend of 2.125p per Ordinary share, making a total for the year of 2.875p (11.5% net) compared with 3.675p for 1973.
- Export sales of £823,710 as against £515,067 in the previous year.

The two major developments commenced in 1973 are now making a valuable contribution to Group output.

The Group possesses the strength and resilience to make the most of whatever opportunities may be afforded us during the coming year, and given freedom from external disruptions, to maintain our steady progress.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Slater takes £1.5m for Bodycote stake: Lubok entry into Third Mile

By Ashley Druker

Following an extended period of comparative quiescence, deals concerning the Slater, Walker interests take a fresh lease of life again, with the predominant feature that of gathering-in liquid resources.

In the first, with Bodycote International, Bodycote, to prevent a potential dilution of its equity, has purchased some £1.57m of 9½ per cent loan, 1976, from Slater, Walker Insurance for cancellation—the total price £95 per cent, some £1.49m. The holding was inherently convertible into 3.15m ordinary.)

In another direction, Third Mile Investment has conditionally decided to expand its investment funds by the placing of an additional 1.2m shares of 5p at par—doubling the equity. Half will be taken up by Malit Securities, an associate of Lubok Investments (which Mr Jim Slater chairs), and half by Sempah Holdings. Following the subscription, Mr J. A. W. Nichols will become chairman and Lubok will be appointed investment manager. Asset value of Third Mile is about 26p a share.

The offer by Lubok to acquire all the 2.8m ordinary of Midland Caledonian Investment Trust not already owned has been accepted by holders owning 40.46 per cent of the equity. Lubok previously held 35.15 per cent. Among points Mr Slater made at the annual meeting of Lubok yesterday was that the board intends to return to dividends as soon as possible, that since acquiring the original stake in MCIT, the rise in the market means a capital gain of some £400,000, while the holdings in West Ltd and Elevators & Engineering brought established tax losses. These, with existing tax losses, amount to about £2m and current rates will save the company £600,000 in future tax payments.

Cape Inds drops £1m as inflation hits margins

Turnover at Cape Industries (formerly Cape Asbestos) rose from £71.5m to £83.9m, but much of this increase reflects inflationary forces, and pre-tax profits for 1974 are down from £5.05m to £4m. The board says that this was brought about mainly by higher production costs—again inflation—and pressure on margins because of legislation plus higher interest payments.

Shareholders will, however, receive an increased gross dividend of 8.41p, against 8.25p, while earnings a share are 15p, against 16.3p.

In the United Kingdom, short-time working caused a bad start to the year, but a return to normal working made for a better second half.

Of the divisions, building and insulation made a trading profit of £3.04m (same) on turnover of £38.1m (£32.6m), automotive and engineering made £1.09m (£743,000) on £28.4m (£23.6m), while mining produced £1.4m (£2.1m) on £17.3m (£15.3m).

The mining side suffered a fall in profitability because of sharply higher costs and technical problems at the Amosite mines, which persisted.

Illingworth lifts Mallinson bid

Although its initial 17p a share offer for George Mallinson & Sons was due to expire yesterday, the Illingworth Morris textiles group now needs only ... per cent more of the equity to gain control. It is increasing the pressure by raising its bid to 20p a share.

This follows the latest purchase in the market at that price of 125,000 shares, bringing Illingworth's holding to 47.33 per cent. Mallinson rose to 21p in the market.

There was no immediate reaction to the increase from the Mallinson board—which spurned the initial 17p.

EMI proposes share option plan in US

EMI has filed a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission covering the same scheme for issuing shares in lieu of dividends as will be offered to its United Kingdom shareholders. The interim dividend, in either stock or cash, is to be paid in July and it is envisaged that the group's United States investors will receive this option. EMI has been listed on the New York stock exchange since 1931 and, therefore, did not have to register with the SEC, the stockmarket's regulatory body under the Securities Act of 1933.

World-wide fillip for Gibbons

Improving its trading position in all sections, Stanley Gibbons International turns in comfortable record profits for 1974. On turnover up 30 per cent to £5.96m, pre-tax profit bounded 77 per cent to £745,000. Per-share earnings rose from 7.3p to 11.4p, while the total dividend is lifted from 3.2p to 3.58p.

Stamps were still the main provider, with international demand for British and Commonwealth stamps greatly increased. Considerable benefit is expected in future from this demand. Record prices have been achieved not only through its auctions and rare stamp department, but also by the new German offshoot.

Shah backs loan to Peru

A syndicate of 17 international banks, including Barclays International and Midland Bank, is providing a $50m (£21m) seven-year loan to the Peruvian Government Petroleum Corporation, for pipeline construction.

Bank Markazi, the Central Bank of Iran, is funding the credit by placing $50m in deposits with the 17 participating banks for the life of the loan.

Metal price swing puts C. Clifford in loss

A loss of £306,000 on metal price changes (against a gain of £256,000) put Charles Clifford Industries in the red in 1974. The shares dropped 10p to 90p.

On sales up from £6.8m to £9.29m, trading profit fell from £425,000 to £344,000, but after the metal price change loss and also an extraordinary item of £50,000 (nil), the pre-tax shows a loss of £186,000 compared with a profit of £592,000. The loss per share was 18.1p against earnings of 33.9p, and excluding that from the changes, etc, the loss is 1.5p against a profit of 18.5p. At the same time the dividend is sliced from 13.4p to 10.4p.

Yearlings ease to 11⅛ pc

A further ⅛ of 1 per cent has been lopped off the yearling bond rate making it 11⅛ per cent for this week. The placings involve 16 authorities. Of the £8m being borrowed Nottingham Council accounts for £1.5m and Sevenoaks for £1m.

LOANS TO ITALY

Five loans totalling 72,200m lire (£47.4m) all at an interest rate of 9⅞ per cent, have been granted in Italy by the European Investment Bank.

BABCOCK & WILCOX

Company is to buy former business of Whipp & Bourne (switchgear) from receiver for £1m cash. Department of Industry is providing a loan for the project.

US FIRM BUYS HOSKYNS

Martin-Marietta Corporation, via its Martin-Marietta Data Systems Inc, has acquired Hoskyns Group, of London, for about $8m.—Reuter.

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Capital Loan Stock Valuation 1st April, 1975:

The net asset value per £1 of Capital Loan Stock is Nil.

Securities valued at middle-market price.

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LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the One Hundred and Fortyninth Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Merchants' House, 7 West George Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 23rd April, 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

By order of the Directors
W. PROUDFOOT
General Manager and Actuary.

35 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2EP. 21st March, 1975.

EMI Limited

EMI Limited announces that it has filed a Registration Statement, subject to amendment, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549.

This document has been filed with the intention of making available to its American stockholders the same stock in lieu of dividend option as the Directors have already announced will be offered to its UK stockholders.

A copy of this document, and any amendment thereto may be, inspected at the offices of Herbert Smith & Co., 62 London Wall, London EC2 during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and Bank Holidays excepted) up to and including 17th June, 1975.

Stock markets

Leaders drift lower

Uncertainty over the Budget, a continuing background of industrial unrest and general lack of interest all made for a quiet return from the holiday on the London stock market. The deteriorating situation in South-East Asia was another depressing factor.

Among the industrial leaders prices, in general, were down a penny or two with concern over the Fleet Street situation making Reed International and Bowater particularly soft spots. The FT Index opened firmer, but by 2 pm it had shed 1.7 points. At the close it had hardened again and was off 0.6 at 279.9. On the fixed-interest side the underlying tone remained firm, although business was quiet. Some small rises were registered.

Shares of Distillers were 1½p firmer, at 106½p, after the group announced price increases for gin and whisky of 9p and 10p a bottle to the trade.

Typical of losses among the "blue chips" were 2p from Beecham, Fisons and Unilever and 1p by ICI. But Bowater (101p) and Reed International (197p) fared worse losing 4p and 7p respectively.

Among the banks the spotlight fell on Hongkong & Shanghai, which closed 2p off at 202p after the chairman's review had brought an earlier level of 208p, and the Bank of Scotland where lower profits and a large pension fund provision left the shares 7p down at 205p. Earlier gains among the clearers tended to be eroded, although Natwest ended 3p firmer at 195p. Elsewhere in financials selling eased the tone for insurance with Royal (down 6p) and Pearl (4p easier and due to report today) leading the way down.

News of a £1.5m contract for Thames flood prevention work put a penny on Costain, at 155p, while a £50m order for South Africa left GEC ½p easier. A £1m takeover with government aid linked with the deal added 3p to Babcock & Wilcox, while Illingworth Morris's raising of its terms for George Mallinson to 20p firmed the Mallinson shares to a point above that level.

In spite of a forecast of lower interim profits Carrington Viyella were unchanged at 20p. Other chairmen's statements included THF, where a confident note added 1p to 100p, and BSR which eased 3p to 55p after comments on the need to restrict capital expenditure. Trading results brought a useful rise of 3p for Stanley Gibbons, and Bridport-Gundry recouped an early 2p fall with second thoughts over the scrip issue. But Silverthorne were easier on lower profits and Lucas another to report recently, dipped 3p to 101p as it met profit taking.

Fears over the Budget kept drink and tobacco shares subdued but GKN (up 2p to 211p) made headway in engineers. MEPC attracted support and AP Cement were 5p firmer, at 125p, on favourable comment. Paterson Zochonis similarly rose 30p to 300p.

In oils selling and a cutback in chemical investment clipped 7p from BP (338p) and Ultramar shed 2½p to 105½p.

Prudential Assurance has sold its 13½ per cent stake in Charles Roberts, road tanker manufacturers, to Newman Industries, probably outside the market.

Equity turnover on March 27 was £46.45m (21,639 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were Midland Bank new, ICI, Guardian Royal Exchange new, Burmah Oil, Bowater, Lucas, Woolworth, Consolidated Gold.

Gilts had a quiet day, with prices making small rises while underlying sentiment remained firm. Turnover was modest, with most interest at the shorter end.

Wall Street

New York, April 1.—The stock market began the second quarter of 1975 with a broad loss today, partly because of expected poor first quarter earnings reports, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 6.57 points to 761.58.

About 985 issues declined to 370 gains.

Volume totalled 14,480,000 shares compared with 16,270,000 shares yesterday.

Analysts said current economic problems of the United States helped put the market on the defensive. They said investors were also concerned with the steady deterioration of the situation in South Vietnam and unsettled Middle East conditions.

Brokers noted that trading was relatively slow, with institutions taking to the sidelines following the end of their portfolio readjustments prior to quarterly reports.

In the economic news, new United States factory orders rose in February for the first time in six months, and inventories showed their smallest rise since August of 1971.—AP-Dow Jones.

	Apr 1	Mar 31
Allied Chem	36¼	36⅞
Allied Stores	28¾	29½
Allied Supermkt.	3½	3¼
Allis Chalmers	8⅝	8¾
Alcoa	37⅛	37⅛
Amax Inc	40½	41
Amerada Hess	16⅞	17
Am. Airlines	9¼	9¼
Am. Brands	38⅝	38¾
Am. Broadcast	18⅞	19¼
Am. Can.	33¾	33¾
Am. Cyan.	25¼	25½
Am. El. Power	17	16⅞
Am. Home	37⅞	38½
Am. Motors	5⅞	5⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	36	36½
Am. Smelt.	17⅛	17¼
Am. Standard	12¾	13¼
Am. Tel.	49	49¾
Amf. Inc.	16	16⅜
Anaconda	17⅛	17⅞
Armco Steel	29⅝	29⅝
Ashland Oil	19	19⅜
Atl. Richfield	81¼	81⅞
Avon	4½	4½
Avon Prod	36⅞	37¼
Babcock & Wcox	18⅝	18½
Bankers Tst NY	34½	34½
Bank of Am.	36½h	37 h
Bank of N.Y.	30½	30¼
Beat Fds.	19¾	20⅜
Bect. Dick	37⅞	37½
Bell & Howell	14⅞	14¼
Bendix	31¾	32⅞
Beth. Steel	34	34⅛
Boeing	20⅝	20⅞
Boise Cascade	17¼	17¼
Borden	23¼	23⅞
Borg Warner	16⅝	16⅝
Bristol Myers	57⅛	58⅝e
BP	8¼	8⅝e
Budd	9¼	9⅜
Burl. Ind.	22⅞	23¼
Burlington Nthn	34½	35
Burroughs	89⅝	91
Campbell Soup	30	31
Canadian Pac.	15⅜	15⅞
Caterpillar	64¾	65⅝
Celanese	29¼	29
Central Soya	12⅝	12¾
Charter N.Y.	23¾	23
Chase Manhat.	31⅞	31¼
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	26⅞	26⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	31⅜	32
Chrysler	10½	10½
Citicorp	33⅛	32¾
Cities Serv.	38⅞	39¼
Clark Equip	27⅛	27¼
Coca Cola	76	79
Colgate	28¼	28⅞
C.B.S.	45½	45
Columbia Gas	26⅞	26½
Comb Eng	37½	37⅞
Comw. Edison	24¼	24¼
Con. Edison	11	11¼
Cons Foods	15¼	15¼
Cons Power	14½	15
Cont. Can.	25⅞	26¼
Cont. Oil	44½	45¼
Control Data	15⅝	15⅝
Corning Glass	43⅛	45⅝
C.P.C. Intnl.	38⅞	40⅛
Crane	39⅞	40
Crocker Int	22¾	23¼
Crown Zeller	31½	32½
Dart Ind.	23¾	23¾
Deere	39⅝	40½
Del Monte	23½	23½
Delta Air	36⅝	37⅞
Detroit Edison	10½	10¼
Disney	47	45½
Dow Chem.	74	75¾
Dresser Ind.	47¼	48½
Duke Power	13½	13½
Du Pont	99½	99¼
Eastern Air.	5⅝	5⅝
East. Kodak	91⅞	93¼
Eaton Corp.	26⅝	26⅝
El Paso G.	13½	13⅝
Equitable Life	17¼	18
Esmark	26⅞	26¾
Evans P. D.	5⅝	5⅝
Exxon Corp	74	74
Firestone	17½	17⅞e
Fst. Chicago	17¼	17½
Fst Nt. Boston	28	28½
Fst. Penn Corp	17½	18⅝
Ford	37	37¼
G.A.F. Corp.	9½	9⅝
Gamble Skogmo	24	24½
Gen. Dynam.	30¼	30½
Gen. Electric	45⅝	46

	Apr 1	Mar 31
Gen Foods	23⅞	24⅛
Gen. Instr.	10½	10⅝
Gen. Mills	45⅝	45¾
Gen. Motors	40⅞	41½
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13¾	13⅝
Gen. Tel. El.	18⅞	19⅝
Gen. Tire	13¾	14
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pac	39⅝	39½
Getty Oil	145¼	142¾
Gillette	31⅝	32
Goodrich	17	17⅛
Goodyear	17⅛	17⅞
Gould Inc.	18⅝	20¼
Grace	25	25
Grant W.T.	4½	5
Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅝	9⅝
Greyhound	12⅛	12¾
Grumman Cp.	15¼	15¼
Gulf Oil	19¼	19½
Gulf Wn. Ind.	30⅝	31
Heinz, H. J.	46	46⅞
Hercules	23¼	24¼
Honeywell	28⅝	30½
Illinois Cent Ind	13¾	13½
Ingersoll	77⅛	77½
Inland Steel	39⅞	40¼
I.B.M.	206¼	209⅞
Int. Harv	25½	25¾
Int. Nickel	24¾	25
Int. Paper	41⅞	41¾
Int. Tel. Tel.	19⅞	19¾
Jewel Co.	22⅞	22⅞
Jim Walter	34	34⅝
Johns Manv.	20½	21⅞
Johnson & John	89½	90⅝
Kaiser Alum.	22½	23
Kennecott	35½	36¼
Kerr McGee	77⅛	76¼
Kimb. Clk.	29⅝	30½
Kraftco Cp.	38¼	40
Kresge S.S.	21⅝	25¼
Kroger	21⅞	21⅞
Lieg. Myer	26½	26½
L.T.V.	13¾	15⅞
Litton	6	6⅛
Lockheed	6½	6⅝
Lucky Stores	13⅞	13
Magnavox	6¼	6¼
Manuf Hanover	30⅝	30¾
Mapco	33	33½
Marathon Oil	33¼	33⅝
Marcor Inc	21⅞	21⅞
Marine Mid.	17⅞	17⅞
Martin Mar.	15½	15⅝
McDonnell	10⅝	11¼
Mead	15½	15¾
Merck	73¾	73¾
Minn Min.	51⅛	51
Mobil Oil	39⅝	39¼
Monsanto	54½	55¾
Morgan, J. P.	57⅞	58
Motorola	50¼	51
NCR Corp	26⅞	26¼
NL Ind	14	13⅞
Nat. Bisc	33⅝	34½
Nat. Distill.	15⅜	15¾
Nat. Steel	39½	39¼
Norfolk West	64⅝	64⅛
NW Bancor	37⅛	35¼
Norton Simon	17⅛	17⅝
Occ. Pet.	13¾	13⅝
Ogden	17⅜	17½
Olin Corp.	19½	20⅞
Otis Elev.	32	32½
Owens Ill	39 •	38½
Pac Gas El.	20¾	20½
Pan. Am.	4	4½
Penn Cent	1⅜	1½
Penney J C	56⅜	56⅞
Pennzoil	18½	19⅛
Pepsico	58⅞	60
Pet Corp	22⅝	22½
Pfizer	31⅝	32¼
Phelps Dod.	36½	37
Philip Mor.	47⅛	48½
Phill Pet.	39	39¼
Polaroid	25⅛	24
P.P.G. Ind.	26½	26⅞
Proc. Gamble	93¾	95⅝
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	15	15¼
Pullman	43⅝	44⅞
Rapid American	7⅛	7⅛
Raytheon	33	33⅝
RCA Corp	16	15½
Repub. Steel	31⅞	31⅝
Reynolds Ind	52⅝	52⅝
Reynolds Metal	18¾	19
Rockwell Int	19½	19⅝
Royal Dutch	35	34⅞
Safeways	42⅞	44⅝
St. Regis	23¾	24

	Apr 1	Mar 31
Santa Fe Ind	26½	26¾
SCM	13⅞	14
Schlumbgr.	109⅝	112
Scott. Paper	16⅞	16⅞
Seaboard Coast	28	28¾
Seagram	30¼	30⅛
Sears Roe.	67⅞	67½
Shell Oil	47	43⅞
Shell Trans.	21⅛	21⅛
Signal Co	16⅞	16⅞
Singer	11⅞	12⅞
Sony	9⅝	10½
Sth Cal Edison	17⅛	17⅞e
Southern Pac.	29¼	29¼
Southern Rly.	47⅞	48¼
Sperry Rand	34⅝	34⅞
Squibb	38⅝	39
Std. Brands	62⅞	62⅞
Std. Oil Cal.	24	24¼
Std. Oil Ind.	39¼	39
Std. Oil Ohio	57⅞	59
Sterling Drug	20⅞	21½
Stevens J.P.	11⅞	12 •
Stude Worth	26	26
Sunbeam Cp.	17¾	17⅞
Sundstrand	19½	20⅞
Sun Oil	33	32⅞
Teledyne	11¼	11½
Tenneco	22⅞	22⅞
Texaco	24⅛	24¼
Texas East Trans	29¼	28¼
Texas Inst	91⅛e	90½
Texas Utilities	20	20½
Textron	20¼	20⅝
T.W.A	10½	11⅛
Travelers Gp.	22⅞	23⅞
T.R.W. Inc.	17⅞	18
C.A.L. Inc.	19⅞	20⅞
Unilever Ltd.	31¼	31⅞
Unilever N.V.	44¼	44¼
Unionamerica	2¼	2½
Union Bancorp	8¼	8½
Union Carb.	56	56⅝
Un. Oil Cal.	37¼	37⅛
Un. Pacific Corp.	68½	71
Uniroyal	9⅝	8⅝
United Aircraft	40	41
United Brands	6¼	6⅛
Utd Merch & Man	13¾	13¾
U.S. Industries	4¼	4¼
U.S. Steel	57⅞	56⅞
Wachovia	16	16½
Warner Comm	12⅝	12⅝
Warner Lambert	31½	33⅞
Wells Fargo	15⅝	15½
West'n Bancorp	22¼	22½
Westghs El	14⅝	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	33½	34
Whirlpool	23½	23¾
White Motor	8⅝	8¼
Woolworth	13¾	13¾
Xerox Cp.	70⅞	71
Zenith	17⅛	17½

Canadian Prices

	Mar 31	Mar 27
Abitibi	9¼	9⅛
Alcan	20⅞	21½
Alg. Steel	27⅛	27½
Asbestos	16¼b	16¼
Bell Tel.	47⅛	47⅛
Can. Sup. Oil	32½	32⅞
Can Inv Fd.	4.65	4.67
Cominco	28⅝	28½
Cons. Bat.	23⅞	22⅞
Distiller	38⅛	38⅛
Falconbridge	32	31½
Gulf Oil	22¾	22⅝
Hawker Can	4.95	5.00
Hud. Bay Min	18	18½
Hud. Bay Oil	33½	33⅜
I.A.C. Ltd	19¼	19
Imasco	22⅞	22½
Imp Oil	25	25⅞
Int. Pipe	13	13
Mass.-Fergsn.	15⅞	15⅝
Power Cp	9¼	10
Price Bros.	13⅝b	14
Royal Trust	23½	23½
Steel Co.	27⅞	27⅞
Tex Can.	31½	31½
Trans. Mnt. Oil	11	11
Walker H.	39½	40
W.C.T.	21⅛h	21⅛

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.4095 ($2.4065); three months, $2.3790 ($2.3758); Canadian dollar, 99.77c (99.75c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index up 1.08 to 313.02. The futures index was 289.65.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 761.58 (768.15); transportation, 165.59 (162.52); utilities, 76.24 (77.20); 65 stocks, 237.81 (240.26).

New York Stock Exchange index, 43.84 (44.31); industrials, 48.24 (48.66); transportation, 31.13 (31.47); utilities, 30.22 (30.44); financial, 46.79 (47.15).

Silver up two cents

New York, April 1.—Comex SILVER futures closed steady showing gains of 2 cents to 1.50 cents. Volume was 3,875 lots. Short covering buoyed the market later in the day as traders watched action of the dollar against other currencies. April, 427.00c; May, 429.00c; June, 431.90c; July, 434.80c; Sept, 440.40c; Dec, 449.00c; Jan, 451.40c; March, 457.20c; May, 462.70c; July, 468.10c. Handy & Harman 427.50c (previous 425.50c). Handy & Harman of Canada $Can4.291 (previous $Can4.254).

GOLD futures closed little changed in quiet trading. The Chicago Imm finished 90c higher to 70c lower and the New York Comex 40c higher to 40c lower. Comex volume dropped to 718 contracts from 807 yesterday, and estimated IMM sales totalled 715 contracts. NY COMEX.—April, $176.70; May, $177.90; June, $179.10; Aug, $181.50; Oct, $183.90; Dec, $186.40; Feb, $188.90; April, $191.40; June, $193.90; Aug, $196.40. CHICAGO IMM.—April, $177.00; June, $179.10; Sept, $182.40; Dec, $186.30; March, $190.10; June, $194.40.

COPPER was steady. There were 1,308 sales. April, 62.10c; May, 62.60c; June, 63.10c; July, 63.60c; Sept, 64.80c; Dec, 66.60c; Jan, 67.10c; March, 68.10c; May, 69.10c.

COCOA futures staged a surprise run-up to within 0.65-cent of the new daily limit of 2.00 cents today on Commission House short covering stop loss buying. Final prices ranged from 1.35 to 0.65 cents higher on the moderate turnover of 1,299 lots, including 266 switches. May, 61.35c; July, 58.45c; Sept, 57.25c; Dec, 56.30c; March, 55.34c; May, 54.90c nominal; July, 54.50c nominal. Spots: Ghana 80; Bahia 69.

WOOL futures closed 1.0 cent lower to 3.0 cent higher. CROSSBRED futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 106.0c nominal; May, 114.0-116.0c; July, 120.0-122.0c; Oct, 120.0c; Dec, 125.0c; March, 135.0-137.5c; May, 126.0-130.5c; July, 127.0-133.5c. CROSSBRED—Spot 64.0c nominal; May, 70.0-75.0c; July, 75.0-76.0c; Oct, 72.0-76.0c; Dec, 73.0-79.0c; March, 74.0-80.0c; May, 74.0-80.0c; July, 74.0c bid.

Trading in world SUGAR futures was uneventful today with final prices 0.39 to 0.15 cent lower on sales of 2,317 lots. Spot, 25.00c nominal. May, 25.10-24.95c; July, 24.00-23.95c; Sept, 22.95-.85c; Oct, 22.10-.05c; March, 19.65-.85c; May, 19.15c; July, 18.65c; Sept, 18.10c nominal.

COTTON futures closed fractionally higher on scattered short covering by Commission Houses after early profit taking pressure was easily absorbed. The trade had been a light buyer on the scale down. May, 43.23-.25c; July, 43.91c; Oct, 45.49c bid; Dec, 46.26c; March, 46.95c bid; May, 47.55c bid; July, 48.15c bid.

COFFEE futures slipped further on Commission House selling during the afternoon to close at the lows. Final prices were 0.75 to 1.20 cents down, with volume at 170 contracts. May, 51.01c bid; July, 52.00c bid; Sept, 53.95c; Dec, 54.20c bid; March, 54.80c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—May, 603½-605c; July, 604½-606c; Aug, 606-607c; Sept, 595-597c; Nov, 591-592c; Jan, 596c; March, 602c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 30.20-.25c; July, 29.00-28.85c; Aug, 28.00-.05c; Sept, 27.00-.10c; Oct, 26.00c; Dec, 24.85-.90c; Jan, 24.40c bid; March, 23.90c bid. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $125.00-.50; July, $129.00-.50; Aug, $132.00; Sept, $135.00 bid; Oct, $137.00 bid; Dec, $140.00; Jan, $141.00 bid; March, $144.00 bid.

CHICAGO GRAINS—WHEAT closed easier one to 3½ lower. May, 384-384½c; July, 370c; Sept, 375c; Dec, 385-384½c; March, 390c. MAIZE closed firm four higher to two lower. May, 303½-302½c; July, 301½-300½c; Sept, 289c; Dec, 273½-274c; March, 279½-279c. OATS closed mixed ½ higher to two lower. May, 257½c; July, 152½-152¼c; Sept, 148c; Dec, 150-149½c.

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars closed barely steady yesterday; cathodes were idle. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £586-87.00 a metric ton; three months, £605-5.50. Sales, 1,975 tons. Cash cathodes, £575-7.00; three months, £593-4.00. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £591-92.00; three months, £609-9.50. Settlement, £592.00. Sales, 6,475 tons. Cash cathodes, £579-80.00; three months, £598.50-99.50. Settlement, £580.00. Sales, 600 tons.

SILVER was steady, quiet. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 177.90p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 427.7); three months, 182.70p (433.7c); six months, 188.00p (440.6c); one-year, 199.10p (454.6c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 178.8-78.9p; three months, 183.7-83.8p; seven months, 190.0-90.8p. Sales, 34 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 178.3-78.5p; three months, 183.3-83.4p; seven months, 189.8-90.3p. Settlement, 178.5p. Sales, 43 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,050-55 a metric ton; three months, £3,074-75. Sales, 250 tons. High grade, cash, £3,050-55; three months, £3,075-80. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,055-60; three months, £3,068-70. Settlement, £3,060. Sales, 585 tons. High grade, cash, £3,055-60; three months, £3,070-75. Settlement, £3,060. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM955 a picul.

LEAD was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £220.50-21.00 a metric ton; three months, £217-17.25. Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Cash, £220.50-21.00; three months, £217.50-17.75. Settlement, £221.00. Sales, 1,325 tons.

ZINC was steady, quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £331-31.50 a metric ton; three months, £331-31.50. Sales, 750 tons. Morning.—Cash, £332-32.50; three months, £331-31.50. Settlement, £332.50. Sales, 1,075 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 75p yesterday to £63.75-£65.75 ($153.50-$158.50) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April-May, £244.00; "D" grade, April-May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta dull.—Indian, April-May, Rs430; Dundee Daisee, April-May, Rs 375 per bale of 400lb.

RUBBER was quiet. May, 27.00-27.90p per kilo; June, 27.00-27.60p; July-Sept, 28.10-28.30p; Oct-Dec, 29.55-29.60p; Jan-March, 30.35-30.65p; April-June, 31.35-31.40p; July-Sept, 31.65-31.80p; Oct-Dec, 31.90-32.20p; Jan-March, 32.30-32.65p. Sales: 52 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were dull.—Spot: 26.00-27.50p. Cif's: May, 26.25-26.50p; June, 26.75-27.00p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch killed sides, 36.0-38.0p a lb; Ulster hindquarters, 45.0-48.0p; forequarters, 26.0-28.0p; Eire hindquarters, 45.0-47.0p; forequarters, 26.0-27.0p.

VEAL.—Scotch bobbies, 9.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 60.0-63.0p.

LAMB.—English small, 32.0-42.0p; medium, 30.0-40.0p; heavy, 30.0-36.0p; Scotch medium, 36.0-40.0p; heavy, 32.0-36.0p; hill, 24.0-40.0p. Imported frozen: New Zealand PL's, 30.0-31.0p; 2's, 29.0-30.0p; 8's, 28.0-28.5p; YL's, 30.0-31.0p.

EWES: 13.0-13.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100 lbs, 26.0-32.5p; 100-120 lbs, 26.0-31.0p; 120-160 lbs, 26.0-29.0p; 160-180 lbs, 23.0-27.5p; 180 lbs and over, 22.0-24.5p.

COFFEE.—Robustas finished £1.00 a tonne higher to £3.00 lower yesterday.—May, £435.0-5.5 a metric ton; July, £427.0-8.0; Sept, £425.5-6.5; Nov, £428.0-9.0; Jan, £428.0-30.0; March, £429.00-35.0; May, £431.0-3.5. Sales, 220 lots, including six options.

ARABICAS were barely steady.—April, $54.70-55.80 per 50 kilos; June, $57.20-57.70; Aug, $59.80-60.10; Oct, $60.60-60.70; Dec, $60.90-61.20; Feb, $61.60-61.60; April, $60.70-62.70. Sales: 12 lots.

COCOA closed £1.00 to £6.50 higher.—May, £604.0-5.0 a metric ton; July, £593.0-5.5; Sept, £573.0-5.5; Dec, £583.0-5.5; March, £576.0-7.0; May, £573.5-4.0; July, £556.0-73.5. Sales; 2,749 lots, including four options.

World production of COCOA should rise to 1.46m tonnes in 1974-75 from 1.45m in 1973-74, but will be 8 per cent below the record 1.59m tonnes in 1971-72, the Commonwealth Secretariat forecasts in its tropical products quarterly review.

SUGAR closed £6.00 to £10.50 lower on balance.—May, £243.25-43.50 a long ton; Aug, £232.00-32.50; Oct, £215.00-16.00; Dec, £203.00-3.50; March, £194.50-95.50; May, £191.00-92.00; Aug, £188.00-91.00. Sales: 2,475 lots. ISA prices daily, 24.73c. 17-day average, 26.27c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American, French, April, £51.00; May, £52.50; June, £54.00 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed, April, £50.50; May, £49; June, £49.75 east coast. All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin BARLEY fully steady. May, £50.40; Sept, £51.90; Nov, £53.60; Jan, £55.90; March, £57.90. WHEAT fully steady.—May, £50.00; Sept, £54.80; Nov, £56.95; Jan, £59.00; March, £61.05. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feeding BARLEY.—Edinburgh, £48.00; King's Lynn, £50.50. No prices quoted for wheat.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's regional and United Kingdom average ex-farm spot prices for week ending March 27, 1975:

REGION	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
S. East	£50.00	£48.80
S. West	No Price	£48.95
East	£48.70	£48.30
E. Midlands	£48.50	£48.80
W. Midlands	No Price	£48.45
N. East	£48.70	£48.30
N. West	£48.00	£49.00
Scotland	No Price	£48.35
United Kingdom	£48.63	£48.60

TPT NEAR £3m

Turnover up from £12.3m to £18m. Pre-tax profits £2.9m (£2.06m). Earnings per share 7.64p (5.85p) while dividend is raised from 3.64p to 4.1p.

FAIRFAX JERSEY

For first half-year, turnover up from £1.38m to £1.78m. Pre-tax loss of £6,000 against profit of £142,000. No dividend against 1.25p.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13% Ln (£99½e)	£20¾
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£99)	£52¼
Mid Kent Wtr 10% Rd Pf (*)	£104¼
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (*b)	£12½
Southend 13½% 1987 (£99½b)	£11¼
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (*b)	£13½
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (*)	£103¼
Warwickshire 12½% 1980 (£99¾b)	£11¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt-Dev (60)	Mar 23	22prem-1
Bestobell (82)	May 9	13prem-2
Brydon (85)	Mar 19	11½prem
Cons Gold Fields (185)	May 16	18prem-5
EMI (80)	May 2	12prem
General Mining (R32)		27½prem
Guardian Royal (120)	May 2	13prem-2
Macpherson, D (25)	May 16	3½prem
Midland Bank (185)	May 2	22prem-2
RTZ (125)	May 2	1prem-1
Sketchley Ord (36)	May 16	46-1½
Do A (36)	May 16	46-1½
Unigate (39)	May 9	½prem-½

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £65 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £40 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Dollar weaker

Foreign exchange markets were moderately busy yesterday, with the main feature a weaker dollar in the afternoon after the opening of trading in New York. Disquiet at the situation in Vietnam, with the possibility of renewed American involvement, was mentioned as one unsettling factor.

The pound had opened a little weaker against the American currency and continued to lose ground for much of the morning, with the lowest quote $2.4010. However, as the dollar weakened in the afternoon, the rate rose steadily to touch $2.4090 at one stage. The close was $2.4085, leaving sterling 50 points up on the day.

Gold was quiet and closed at $177¼, up 25 cents on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 1	Market rates (close) April 1
New York	$2.4010-4090	$2.4080-4090
Montreal	$2.4060-4150	$2.4135-4150
Amsterdam	5.74½-77½fl	5.74½-75½fl
Brussels	83.40-70f	83.50-70f
Copenhagen	13.23-18k	13.23-24k
Frankfurt	5.62-66m	5.62½-63½m
Lisbon	58.30-95e	58.55-75e
Madrid	134.60-135.20p	134.90-135.15p
Milan	1519-23lr	1519-21lr
Oslo	11.85-89k	11.85½-86½k
Paris	10.11½-16f	10.12½-13½f
Stockholm	9.46½-50¼k	9.46½-47½k
Tokyo	698-705y	700-02y
Vienna	39.90-40.30sch	39.90-40.10sch
Zurich	6.06-12f	6.06½-07½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, up 0.1% to 21.3%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	0.97-0.87c prem	3.02-2.92c prem
Montreal	1.05-0.95c prem	3.25-3.15c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	8.00-7.00c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	55-35c prem
Copenhagen	5ore prem-5ore disc	9½-7½ore prem
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	10¼-9¼pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-60c disc	90c prem-100c disc
Milan	3-6lr disc	4-7lr disc
Oslo	1½-3½ore disc	2½-5½ore disc
Paris	2c prem-par	6-4c prem
Stockholm	1-4ore disc	1-4ore disc
Vienna	30gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11-10c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9975-78.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5½-6; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 6-6½; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $177¼ (an ounce); pm, $177¼. Krugerrand (per coin): $180½-182½ (£75-77). Sovereigns (old), $56-57½ (£23¼-24); (new), $56-59½ (£24-24¾).

Discount market

Fresh credit was difficult to find in the discount market throughout yesterday and the Bank of England relieved the situation by lending a large sum to six or seven houses at minimum lending rate for repayment today. The official decision to lend rather than to buy bills was essentially technical, taking account of the anticipated money situation today.

Rates were in the 9½ to 9¾ per cent range for much of the session and the final picture was no better than mixed as houses closed their books with money taken anywhere between 8 and 9¾ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 21.3.75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½-10¼%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10 Close 9
Week Fixed: 9¾-9¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	9½
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅝-9⅜	3 months	11¼
3 months	9½-9⅜	4 months	12
4 months	9½-9¼	6 months	12
6 months	10-9¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¾-10¼	7 months	10¾-10½
2 months	10¾-10¼	8 months	10¾-10½
3 months	10¾-10¼	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10¾-10¼	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	10¾-10¼	11 months	11½-10¾
6 months	10¾-10¼	12 months	11½-10¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month	10-9¾	6 months	10¾-10½
3 months	10-9¾	12 months	10¾-10½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10	3 months	10¼-10⅛
7 days	10¼-10	6 months	10¾
1 month	10¼	1 year	11¼-11⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 9¾-9½ Close 9¾-10

1 week	10-9¾	6 months	10⅝-10½
1 month	10-9⅞	9 months	10⅝-10⅜
3 months	9⅞-9¾	12 months	10⅝-10⅜

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10½ 6 months 10¾

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week, in tonnes unless otherwise stated:

Copper rose 3,325 to 175,800;
Tin fell 255 to 3,485;
Lead fell 250 to 31,925;
Zinc rose 3,250 to 13,150;
Silver rose 40,000 to 12,160,000 troy ounces.

SANGAMO WESTON

In 1974 taxable profits, £727,000 (£694,000); turnover £8.86m (£7.39m); dividend 9.4p (same).

BSR

Chairman's Review 1974

The Annual General Meeting of BSR Limited will be held in London on 23rd April, 1975 at 11a.m. The following is a summary of the statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. N. Ferguson, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 29th December, 1974.

RESULTS Unfortunately the trend in Group profits for the last seven years was not maintained during the year under review. The normal pattern of very strong demand in the last quarter of the year which is characteristically the period of highest profits was completely reversed. Consequently, Group trading profits were reduced to £14,455,708 as compared with £18,225,524 in 1973.

DIVIDENDS The Directors are recommending payment of a final dividend of 15.79% per share on the ordinary share capital which, together with the interim dividend of 5.65% paid in November, 1974 gives the maximum total dividend permitted of 21.44% which compares with 19.29% for 1973.

SALES Group turnover for the year was £81,109,893 (1973: £78,097,700) of which the Sound Reproducing Division contributed £57,162,130 (1973: £57,809,870) with the balance of £23,947,763 (1973: £20,287,830) from the Consumer Division. It is pleasing to report that sales in France, Germany, Italy, South Africa and Scandinavia were appreciably ahead of the previous year.

CURRENT PROSPECTS Though the low level of demand for sound reproduction equipment experienced in the last quarter of 1974 has continued into the early months of the current year, there are positive indications that destocking by our customers has almost been completed and this, together with falling interest rates and a much easier supply of money, indicates that sales should begin to improve from the second quarter. Also, the first model of our new range of hi fi record changers is now in production with the introduction of the other models being planned over the next few months. That new range should allow us to expand our consumer sales under the BSR McDonald name.
As regards the Consumer Products Division, demand is now running well ahead of current production levels and action has been taken to increase output both in the Bulpitts and Goblin factories.

1974 AND 1973 IN BRIEF

	1974	1973
Turnover	£81,109,893	£78,097,700
Profit Before Tax	£13,742,361	£18,390,546
Tax	£5,810,280	£7,499,697
Profit After Tax	£7,932,081	£10,890,849
Minority Interest	—	£7,987
Dividend	£1,592,466	£1,432,233
Cover for Dividend	5.0	7.6
Unappropriated Profits	£30,210,228	£24,093,258
Net Tangible Assets	£39,453,189	£32,688,295
Earnings Per Share	10.7p	14.7p

Head Office: Cradley Heath, Warley, Worcestershire.

Subsidiary Companies operating abroad in Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico and U.S.A.

AARONSON BROS. LIMITED

Manufacturers of Wood Veneers, Contiboard Contiplas, Conti-Clad, Aro-plas, Laconite, Griffinite, Armatrim, Spanboard etc.

The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on Tuesday 1st April, 1975.

GROUP FIVE YEAR RECORD

1970 £000	1971 £000	1972 £000	1973 £000	1974 £000	Year ended 30th September
4,847	6,992	11,462	16,140	17,296	Sales Turnover
778	1,023	1,711	2,645	1,869	Net Profit before Tax
2.25p	3.13p	4.92p	6.28p	4.73p	Earnings per Ord. Share*
1.37p	1.81p	1.90p	1.99p	2.24p	Dividends per Ord. Share

* *Undiluted and adjusted for Capitalisation Issues and Deferred Taxation*

Extract from Directors' Report and Review

The first three months of the current period started slowly, but during recent weeks we have experienced a significant upturn in demand. Whilst it is difficult to make a meaningful forecast for the whole year, if this improvement continues we anticipate a return to increasing profits.

Business appointments

Fisons fertilizer chief joins main board

Mr J. S. Kerridge, managing director of Fisons fertilizer division and an associate director of Fisons, has been made a main board director. Mr T. James, managing director of Fisons agrochemical division, is to be an associate director of Fisons.

Mr Robert Guy has joined the board of N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

Mr Mark Norman will retire as chairman and from the board after Gallaher's annual meeting on April 23, having reached the age of 65. The board intends to appoint Mr Hume Stewart-Moore, currently managing director, as the company's executive chairman.

Sir Jan Lewando is retiring from the chairmanship and the board of Carrington Viyella on June 30. He will be succeeded as chairman by Mr Leonard Regan, deputy chairman.

Mr J. Burnett-Stuart has been elected deputy chairman of Robert Fleming Holdings.

Mr Charles Clay has retired as managing director of International Commodities Clearing House, but he remains deputy chairman. Mr Maurice Stockdale and Mr Ian McGaw have been made joint managing directors. Mr Trevor Slade becomes a director and Mr Peter McLaren and Mr Michael Weeks assistant directors.

Mr G. R. Lovell has become general manager of Standard and Chartered Banking Group.

Mr G. F. Rice has been made quality director within the Racal Communications Group.

Mr Robert Aldworth has become a general manager of Barclays National Bank.

Mr J. C. Rietchel and Mr R. W. Lawrence are retiring from Grieveson, Grant on May 2. Mr P. I. R. Byre, Mr J. R. P. Healing and Mr D. J. Moreton are being taken into partnership as from April 11.

Mr Peter Vickery becomes manager, northern European region, of General Instrument systematics division.

Mr Philip Ainley, who has now retired as managing director of George Wimpey, joins the board of Blundell-Permoglaze Holdings as a non-executive director. He also becomes chairman of W. H. Lowrie.

Mr Kjell A. Nielsen has been made a deputy managing director of Andresens Bank A/S, Oslo.

Mr E. J. Wood is to join the board of Anglo-Swiss Holdings.

Mr B. F. Hayward becomes a director of G. T. Crouch.

Mr Larry Schotel has joined the board of Chrome Mesh Equipment. One of his main responsibilities is the company's sales administration for London and southern England.

Mr G. E. Coke, a deputy chairman of The Monks Investment Trust, has retired from the board.

Mr A. G. S. Meadows, chairman of R. S. Clare, has handed over the managing directorship to Mr G. E. Lester, his deputy. The sales director, Mr R. I. S. Meadows, has been made deputy managing director while retaining his sales responsibilities. Mr G. Smith is confirmed sales manager, lubricants division, and Mr A. J. Broom, a technical director, continues to run the roads contracting division. The new position of financial controller is filled by Mr J. C. Burton.

Mr Thomas Rutherford is to be chairman of the South Eastern Electricity Board in succession to Mr A. G. Milne.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10½%
C. Hoare & Co	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust	12 %
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7½%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103½	104½
Airlease 8¾ 1988	87	90
Ashland 8 1987	90¼	91¾
BICC 7¼ 1987	69	73
Bristol 8¼ 1979	91½	93½
British Steel Corp 8⅞ 1989	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987	89¼	90¼
Carrier 8 1987	89¼	90¼
Chevron 7 1980	97¼	99
Conoco 7 1980	96½	98
Conoco 8 1986	95	96
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	87¾	88¾
Coventry 8⅞ 1981	93¼	94¼
Coventry 8¼ 1980	90	93
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92½	93¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Dana 8 1987	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	83¾	86¾
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	83¼	85½
Dundee 9¼ 1983	93½	95½
Escom 9¼ 1980	87¼	89¼
Escom Floating Rate 1983	96½	97½
First Chicago 7 1980	95	96
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	78	82
GATX 8¼ 1987	89¼	90¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987	76	79
ICI 7½ 1992	78	81
International Util 8¼ 1982	94¾	95¾
Legal & Gen Ass 7⅞ 1988	76	79
Manchester 8¼ 1981	87½	89½
Mexico 8¾ 1991	84	87
Michelin 7¾ 1988	85	86
Mitsubishi 8 1989	93½	95½
Motorola 8 1987	93½	94½
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	78	82
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102½	103½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	89¾	90¼
Occidental 7½ 1984	79	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90¼	91½
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	103¼	103¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	90	91
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	93	94
Scanraff 7¼ 1990	89	90
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	95½	96½
Shell 7½ 1987	93¼	94¼
Singer 11 1977	101	102
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	104	105
Slough 8 1988	60	64
South Africa 8 1987	80	84
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	101¼	102¾
Standard Oil 8⅞ 1988	98	99
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	98½	99½
Sybron 8 1987	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	84½	85½
Textron 7¾ 1987	85	86
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	92½	93¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¼
Union Oil 7¼ 1987	93¼	93¼
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	95	96
Volvo 8 1987	89½	90½
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	80	84

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	103	104
Charter (DM) 6¼ 1968-88	78	79
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969-84	79¼	80¼
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	99	100
Escom (DM) 7 1973-88	73½	74½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972-87	87½	88½
ICI (DM) 8 1971-86	87	88
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 8¼ 1980	102¾	103¾
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87¼	88¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	103½	104½
Suedafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970-85	91¼	92¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	89	90

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	69	61
American Express 4¼ 1987	80	83
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	88	90
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	103	105
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	92	94
Borden 5 1992	89	91
Borden 6¾ 1991	100	102
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	72	74
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1992	88	90
Cummins 6¼ 1986	83	85
Dart 4¾ 1987	76	78
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	103½	105½
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	85
Eaton 5 1987	73	75
Ford 5 1988	69	71
Ford 6 1986	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	78	80
Gould 5 1987	74	76
General Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	111	113
Harris 5 1987	65	67
Honeywell 6 1986	81	83
ITT 4½ 1987	69	71
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	113	115
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	110	112
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	86	88
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	83	85
JC Penney 4¼ 1987	80	82
Revlon 4¾ 1987	93	95
Rank Org 4½ 1993	47	49
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	82	84
Squibb 4¼ 1987	85	87
Texaco 4¾ 1988	72	74
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	100	102
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	92	94
Xerox Corp 5 1988	73	75

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

UNITED ENGINEERING

Company has sold hire plant and other assets of its Ruston Parva Plant subsidiary to Hewden Stuart Plant for about £650,000 cash. Proceeds will go to reducing group borrowings.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.0	7.1	4.7
117	90	Henry Sykes	117	—	4.9	4.2	7.5
61	29	Twinlock Ord	34	—	0.8	2.5	7.9
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	60	—	12.0	20.0	—

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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GALLAHER 1974

Extracts from the Statement by the chairman, Mr. Mark Norman

Trading Results

Turnover in 1974 increased by 33% to £724 million compared with £543 million in 1973. This large increase was due to (1) some rise in real volume, (2) a large rise in prices, mostly from the increase in tobacco duty in the March Budget, (3) consolidation of the Forbuoys and Niemeyer figures for 9 months and some other acquisitions.

Trading profits before interest increased by 9% to £39.3 million, to which tobacco contributed 75%, engineering 13%, optical 7% and distribution 5%. However profit after interest at £33 million fell by 3% and profit after tax at £16 million fell by 16%.

These figures, of higher turnover and lower net profits, illustrate vividly the punishment that higher taxation and inflation of costs coupled with price control have inflicted on the profitability and liquidity of the Group.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS 1974

Total Sales *(excl. of V.A.T.)*	£724,044,000
Profit before Tax	£33,468,000
Tax	£17,085,000
Ordinary Dividends	£6,427,000
Profit retained	£11,032,000
Net Assets	£230,807,000

Consolidated Balance Sheet

The accounts of Forbuoys and Niemeyer have now been consolidated, which eliminates the 1973 item of £24 million for investment in subsidiaries and affects most of the other items. Current assets and bank loans have increased substantially due largely to the additional investment in stocks and debtors necessitated by the swingeing increase in tobacco duty last March, which means a further interest-free loan to the Exchequer of over £15 million. Deferred taxation at £13 million reflects the £9 million tax deferment for 1973 stock increases introduced in the November 1974 Budget.

Tobacco Marketing and Sales

In a virtually static cigarette market our total volume sales grew by 2% and our filter sales by 5%, thus increasing our market share. SILK CUT range was up by 37%, so maintaining its domination of the 'mild' sector; KENSITAS range grew by 8%; and BENSON & HEDGES SPECIAL FILTER continued to outsell all other King Size cigarettes put together. Our cigar sales were up 4% with HAMLET, BENSON & HEDGES SPECIAL PANATELLAS and SMALL CIGARS showing good growth. The imported RITMEESTER range continued its excellent progress. Although the total pipe tobacco market declined marginally, all our leading brands increased both their volume and their share of market: in particular BENSON & HEDGES MELLOW VIRGINIA made rapid progress. In the roll-your-own market, sales of OLD HOLBORN continued to grow.

Tobacco Production

To the credit of all concerned in production and distribution, we managed to cope with the difficulties caused by the 3-day week in early 1974, by the Ulster Workers' strike in May and by the Transport Drivers' dispute in November. The changes in market demand caused by duty and price increases require quick reaction in the factories and branches, complicated by the long deliveries quoted for new machinery and conversion parts. Nevertheless, a high level of production and distribution was maintained throughout the year.

Tobacco Leaf

The prices of flue cured tobacco were much higher in each country, but our purchases were satisfactory in both volume and quality. We are deliberately reducing our leaf stocks in order to contain the increase in working capital.

Smoking and Health

The Committee set up by the Secretary of State of the Department of Health and Social Security, under the Chairmanship of Dr R. B. Hunter, has continued its discussions with the industry on the methods of testing new smoking materials. Considerable progress has been made in these discussions and we expect that these smoking materials will be used to modify our cigarettes in due course. The investment in research and development continues to increase.

Overseas Tobacco Activities

In Holland, Niemeyer's substantial roll-your-own tobacco business continued to grow with the SAMSON brand and their share of the cigarette market increased with ROXY DUAL FILTER, the leading low tar brand. In other EEC countries, increased sales were achieved especially in Denmark and West Germany where SAMSON is a major contender in the growing roll-your-own market. In the United Kingdom, Niemeyer brands now account for over 70% of all imported pipe tobaccos.

The first stage of the expansion of the Groningen factory has been completed and work on the second stage will start shortly. This additional manufacturing capacity is necessary to meet increased sales and the transfer of production from the Niemeyer factory in Canada and the Stokkebye factory in Denmark, both now closed.

Niemeyer's subsidiary, Verenigde Levensmiddelen Fabrieken B.V., making coffee, tea and margarine products, had a successful year; its new factory at Bolsward in Holland is nearing completion.

Ritmeester cigars had a successful year. After some years of declining market share in Holland, Ritmeester is now growing again in a static domestic market. 58% of its production is exported to other EEC countries and to South Africa, Australia and Sweden.

In the Republic of Ireland, our sales again increased in all sectors. Cigarette sales were up by 24%, cigars by 14% and tobaccos, in a falling market, by 8%. Work on an extension of our factory is well advanced.

Exports of our U.K. cigarettes increased by 30%, mainly SILK CUT KING SIZE in the Duty Free trade, the Channel Islands and the Far East.

The Mono Group

This group of specialist pump makers and designers, manufacturing in the U.K., Africa and Australia and selling in many world markets, had a record year in turnover and pre-tax profits.

In the U.K. the companies had to contend in the first part of 1974 with the 3-day week, shortage of raw materials and delayed deliveries of bought-out components. Conditions improved during the year so that Mono Pumps and Stainless Steel Pumps finished with good increases in trading profits and Metering Pumps with a slight improvement. Mono Pumps (Engineering) was restricted by the reduction in local authority expenditures and Hughes marine pump business was steady. Oakes had a difficult year with the sharp reduction in capital expenditures by its industrial customers, but succeeded in producing slightly increased profits.

Exports from the U.K. were a record 47% of turnover.

Mono Pumps (Africa) had a most successful year with results once again well up on 1973's excellent growth. They will be moving to larger premises in June with ample facilities for expansion.

The Saunders Valve Group

Demand for all Saunders' products was high in 1974 and ran well ahead of production capacity. The 3-day week, shortages of labour in the first half year and erratic supplies of components and castings caused continuing difficulties in production through 1974, and led to exceptional overdue deliveries to customers. Nevertheless, group trading profit was up by 38%, with South Africa up 96% and Holland up 91%. Exports, including sales to overseas subsidiaries, were 55% of U.K. turnover.

The F.I.P. companies in Italy also had a successful year, with sales up 21% and trading profit up 58%.

The Dollond and Aitchison Group

1974 was forecast as a year of consolidation. The added problem of more severe price controls was not however foreseen. In the U.K., a 19% increase in turnover was achieved but pre-tax profits rose by only 2% and after tax profits were 10% lower.

Dolland International made a good start with pre-tax profits of £176,000 earned mostly in only nine months. In Italy, Filotecnica Salmoiraghi S.p.A. was acquired during the financial year and Istituto Ottico Vigano S.p.A. has been added since. In the Netherlands our small operation about doubled in size by acquisitions of individual branches.

Distribution

In Warriner & Mason and Tobacco Sales turnover increased by 67% to £62 million, and trading profits by 71% to £940,000. A large part of this impressive growth came from additional business in existing Cash and Carry outlets where keener pricing and improved marketing attracted new customers.

Forbuoys, in nine months, achieved sales of £16.8 million and trading profits of £1.1 million in spite of continuing Government restrictions on profit margins. This represents a satisfactory rate of growth over the previous year. Thirty branches were added and the total is now 372 in this well-known chain of newspaper, confectionery and tobacco retailers.

People

There are some 27,000 people now working in the Group at home and overseas. To those who joined us in 1974 we extend a warm welcome, and record our thanks to all for their contribution to the Group's progress. Good communications between people at all levels and all locations will ensure good relations and understanding of the many human problems that have to be considered and resolved day-by-day. Everyone must play their part so that all can continue to prosper.

Of your Directors, Mr John Harvey and I will be retiring from the Board after the Annual Meeting in April. Mr. Harvey has been a most valuable non-Executive Director since 1968 and was for five years Chairman of the Mono Group. His wide and varied business experience and his close interest in people have been most helpful to his colleagues who, together with his many friends in the Company, record their gratitude and good wishes to him.

At 65 it is time that I also retired, after many happy and interesting years with Gallaher. It is the Board's intention then to appoint Mr. Hume Stewart-Moore, the present Managing Director, as Executive Chairman of your Company. His long record in Gallaher is one of devotion, distinction and great success. I am confident that the same merits will make him a most effective leader of the Company and I wish him continued success in his new role. He was elected to the Board of American Brands last February.

Outlook

Gallaher became a wholly owned subsidiary of American Brands on 10th February following approval of the Scheme of Arrangement to which reference has already been made in the Directors' Report. This is the logical conclusion of the events which started in 1968 when American Brands acquired the majority shareholding in Gallaher. We look forward with confidence to continuing co-operation with our American parent company in a world where exchange of information and ideas over a wide field will be beneficial to all who work in the Gallaher Group.

In 1975 we shall continue to strive to be efficient and effective in the production, marketing and development of our goods and services: that must be the determination of each one of the 27,000 people working in Gallaher and I believe we shall succeed to the extent that the outcome for the year can be determined by ourselves. But the political and economic conditions in the U.K. and some other countries in which we operate are presently not favourable—and not for long tolerable—for private enterprise and future employment. Particularly in this country taxation, inflation, price control and impending legislation such as the Industry Bill combine to hinder or prevent new or indeed existing enterprise. Net profits are literally insufficient by a wide margin to provide the funds needed to replace the assets—fixed, current and human—which make up a business. Government must remedy these conditions, and soon.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

	Sales 1974 (£000s)	Sales 1973	Profit 1974	Profit 1973
Tobacco*(a)	594,074	466,112	29,472	29,441
Engineering	35,001	27,879	5,023	3,602
Distribution*(b)	78,705	37,130	2,042	550
Optical and associated activities	16,264	11,562	2,807	2,542
	724,044	542,683	39,344	36,135

*These figures include nine months results for (a) Theodorus Niemeyer B.V., Holland and (b) Forbuoys

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Leicester

LECTURESHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Psychology.

Salary according to experience and qualifications on the scale £2,218 to £4,896 plus threshold supplements and superannuation benefits.

Further particulars and application forms from the Registrar, to whom applications should be sent by 25 April, 1975, quoting reference TP.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Manchester

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University College London

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

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THE TIMES

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER in the University's Department of Computer Studies. Applicants may have an interest in any aspect of computing although preference would be given to those with knowledge and experience in data processing and/or systems analysis.

Salary within scale £2,118-£4,896 plus threshold payment £229.68 per annum. It is anticipated that this appointment will be made in the *lower half of the salary scale.* Posted requests for further details and application forms to Assistant Registrar (Establishment) ref. 75/4 CS.

Loughborough Leicestershire

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of New South Wales

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Applications close in Australia and London on 2 May 1975.

University College London

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Newcastle
NEW SOUTH WALES

LECTURER SUB-DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned position. There is at present a full-time staff of three in the Sub-Department, which is an autonomous unit of the University, offering a full range of undergraduate courses and postgraduate work. The most obvious teaching need is in the area of Phonology, Phonetics, and, other things being equal, preference will be given to an applicant with specialist training, as well as strong teaching and research interests, in this area. Willingness and ability to teach in other areas of linguistics as *well will be considered* an advantage.

The salary range for the position is $A11,250 to $A15,100 per annum. Commencing salary will depend *on the qualifications and expe*rience of the successful applicant. Further information regarding academic matters and teaching duties may be obtained from Associate Professor N. R. Caldell, Executive Officer of the Sub-Department of Linguistics, in the University.

Conditions of employment, including superannuation, study leave, housing scheme, method of application and other particulars may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF. Applications close on 30 April 1975.

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Further information about the position, including conditions of appointment and details required of applicants may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF. Applications should be lodged in duplicate, with The Registrar, The Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, South Australia, 5042 by 18 April, 1975.

University of Ife, Nigeria

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR LECTURER in ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. Applicants should have a good degree, preferably a Ph.D. in a relevant field with a minimum of 5 years teaching and research experience and evidence of a significant contribution to knowledge in their area of specialisation. Salary scale: N6845—N8750 p.a., £4758-£6021 p.a. sterling; £1 sterling equals N1.45. The British Government may supplement salary in an appropriate case. Family passages; superannuation and medical scheme; various allowances; regular *overseas leave. Detailed appli*cations (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be forwarded by airmail not later than 30 April 1975 to the Registrar, University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send 1 copy to Room 50, Inter-University Council, 90-91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

N.E.R.C. RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP

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THE LIBRARY

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Sierra Leone

Fourah Bay College

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR LECTURER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. *The appointee will be* required to teach courses in one or more of the following subjects: Thermodynamics & Fluids Mechanics. Applied Mechanics, Engineering Mathe*matics and Machine Design.* Salary scale (under review): Le4,350 to Le5,400 p.a. (£ sterling—Le2). The British Government may supplement salary by £2,250 p.a. (sterling) for married appointee or £1,254 p.a. (sterling) for single appointee (normally free of all tax) and provide children's education allowance and holiday visit passages. F.S.S.U. Family passages; various allowances, regular overseas leave. Detailed applications (two copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by airmail, not later than 1 May, 1975, to the Secretary, University of Sierra Leone, Private Mail Bag, Freetown, Sierra Leone. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send one copy to Room 50, Inter-University Council, 90-91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

University of London in association with the University of Glasgow

DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY MARINE BIOLOGICAL STATION, *MILLPORT*

In view of the forthcoming retirement of Professor N. Millott the Senate of the University of London invite applications for the above Directorship.

The Director will be of professorial standing, and the salary will be £8,109 per annum. The appointment will date from 1 October, 1975, but the successful applicant will be expected to take up appointment as Director-designate from 1 June, 1975. Applications (12 copies) must be received not later than 27 June, 1975, by the Academic Registrar (T), University of London, Senate House, London, WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars may be *obtained. (The choice of the* Selection Committee will not be restricted to those who apply.)

University of Sydney

SENIOR LECTURESHIPS AND LECTURESHIPS IN LAW

The faculty has a number of vacancies at the above levels. Lecturers may be appointed on either a permanent basis or for three years in the first instance with possibility of permanency after that time, or in certain cases return fares. Candidates should have a good honours degree or its equivalent; a professional qualification, pro*fessional experience or a post*graduate degree would be an advantage. The Faculty offers a wide range of LL.B., LL.M., and Diploma courses.

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Applications including a curriculum vitae, list of publications, and names of three *academic referees* should be directed by 5 May, 1975, to the Acting Registrar, University of Sydney, New South Wales 2006, Australia, from whom further details of con*ditions and the structure of the* Faculty may be obtained. Further information also available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

St. Peter's College, Oxford

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Applications are invited for an Official Tutorial Fellowship in Politics with effect from 1 October, 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful applicant will be *required to give tuition in Poli*tics for the P.P.E. Honour School to cover a number of papers including political theory. It is hoped that a University C.U.F. Lectureship will in due course be associated with the Fellowship.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Master, St. Peter's College, to whom applications should be submitted not later than 21 April, 1975. They should be accompanied by a short statement of the candidate's qualifications and experience together with the names of three referees.

Royal Holloway College

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT AND CULHAM LABORATORY UKAEA

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Candidates should send *details of their qualifications* and experience with the names and addresses of two referees to the Personnel Officer, Royal Holloway College, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX, by June 1, 1975.

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer. The Department is interested in applicants who could contribute to one or more of the following areas: sensation/perception, control systems, psychometrics, or in the applications of psychology but consideration will be given to all applicants with suitable qualifications and experience. Initial salary will be within the range £2,118 to £2,412 p.a. on a scale rising to £4,896 p.a. plus threshold payments and superannuation benefits. Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 10th May, 1975 by the Registrar, The University, PO Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX from whom further particulars may be obtained. Quote ref RV/4321.T.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY

Two appointments

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Vice-Chancellor

The Council and Senate of the University of Nottingham have appointed a Joint Committee to select a Vice-*Chancellor* to succeed Professor W. J. H. Butterfield, who on appointment as Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, will be leaving Nottingham in December, 1975.

The President of Council, Dr. G. I. Hobday, invites applications for the post and persons with appropriate qualifications and experience should write to him privately by 31st May, 1975. He would also welcome suggestions from others of people who might be considered. Correspondence should be addressed to him at 1 Thane Road West, Nottingham NG2 3AA.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Leicester

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE

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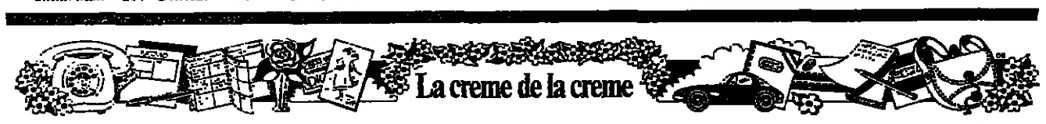
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CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
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Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Norwich for uniting the benefices and parishes of St Clement and St George, Norwich; St Michael Coslany, Norwich; and St Saviour with St Paul, Norwich; and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of St Clement and St George, Norwich; part of the church of St Martin at Oak, Norwich; the parish church of the parish of St Michael Coslany, Norwich; and the parish church of the parish of St Saviour with St Paul, Norwich.
A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the notice board in the church porch of St George Colegate; and at the notice boards of the churches of St Martin at Oak, and St Saviour, Norwich.
A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church *Commissioners' office.*
Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 8 May, 1975.
K. S. RYLE
Secretary
1 Millbank
London SW1P 3JZ
Date 27 March, 1975.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Liverpool for uniting the benefices and parishes of St Philemon, Toxteth Park; St Gabriel, Toxteth Park; and St Paul, Prince's Park; for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the church of St Philemon, authorising its demolition and empowering the Commissioners to sell the site, subject to the provision of a new church on a site elsewhere within the parish; and for establishing a team ministry for the area of the new benefice.
A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at:
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Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 9 May 1975.
K. S. RYLE
Secretary
1 Millbank
London SW1P 3JZ
Date 27 March 1975

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they *have prepared a* DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Rochester referring to an intention to provide a new place of worship for the parish of St Mark, Rosherville and providing for a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the said parish, for the demolition of the building and for the disposal of the site and of the materials arising from the demolition.
A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the church notice board of the parish church of St Mark, Rosherville.
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Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 12 May, 1975.
K. S. RYLE,
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26 March, 1975.

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A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the church notice board of the parish church of Christ Church with Holy Trinity, Penge.
A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.
Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 8 May 1975.
K. S. RYLE
Secretary
1 Millbank,
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26 March 1975.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968
Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT REDUNDANCY SCHEME providing for the care and maintenance of the redundant church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, Hartwell, being a chapel of ease in the parish of Stone with Bishopstone with Hartwell in the diocese of Oxford, with the land annexed or belonging thereto, by the Redundant Churches Fund.
A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected by appointment at The Vicarage, Ford Road, Stone, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Telephone: Stone 215.
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From Shirley Temple to Raquel Welch is but a small step in 20th Century-Fox Presents (BBC2 7.55), a glorious compilation of the film studio's most famous products. There is a feature on the Grand National and Red Rum in Sportsnight (BBC1 9.55) and Last of the Summer Wine (BBC1 9.25) finds the three old codgers in the pub. My Old Man (ITV 8.0) is rather contrived humour while Marcus Welby MD (ITV 8.30) is American production-line trivia. Arctic Summer (BBC1 5.15) traces a school trip to Baffin Island, and The Legacy of Faisal (ITV 10.30) looks at Saudi Arabia now.—T.S.

BBC 1
10.00 am, Tin Tin. 10.05, White Horses.* 10.30-10.55, Paddle to the Sea. 12.30 pm, Day and Night. 12.55, News. 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00, Fingerbobs. 4.00, Play School. 4.25, Boris the Bold. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, The Monkees. 5.15, Arctic Summer, Baffin Island. 5.40, Magic Roundabout.
5.45 News. 6.00, Nationwide.*
6.40 Film, A Stitch in Time (1963), with Norman Wisdom, Edward Chapman, Jeannette Sterke, Jerry Desmonde.*
8.10 You're On Your Own.
9.00 News.
9.25 Last of the Summer Wine.
9.55 Sportsnight, *including* Grand National and FA Cup.
10.45 Midweek Special including The Loyal's Last Voyage.
11.28 Weather.
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Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 4.50-5.10 pm, Maldwyn. 5.10-5.15, Crystal Tipps. 6.00-6.40, Wales Today, Nationwide. 6.40-7.10, Heddiw. 7.10-7.40, Pobol y Cwm. 7.40-8.10, Raise for Adventure: The Snake Hunters. 11.28, News of Wales. SCOTLAND: 6.00-6.40 pm, Reporting Scotland. Nationwide, between 9.55-10.45, Sportsreel. 11.28, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.00-6.40, Scene Around Six. Nationwide. 11.28, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

HTV
[illegible].30 am, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 1.00, News. 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Outside. 3.55, Indoor League. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, The Great Western Musical Thunderbox. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 11.25-11.55, Police Surgeon. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.25-1.30 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00, Survival. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Border
9.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.55, Manfred. 11.05, Thrillseekers. 11.30, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, San Francisco International. 9.30, Thames. 11.30, Border News.

Anglia
11.30 am, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Your Music at Night.

BBC 2
11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
7.30 pm, Newsday, with the Israeli Prime Minister.
7.55 20th Century-Fox presents: Story of the Hollywood film studios.
9.00 Rhoda.
9.25 The Fight Against Slavery.
10.15 One Man's Week: David Hutchings, canal preservationist.
10.45 News.
11.15-11.20 Cyril Cusack reads Robins and Woodlice, by Roy Fuller.

Granada
9.30 am, Technoflash. 9.50, Around the World in 80 days. 10.10, The Three Stooges.* 10.25, Film: George Formby in Let George Do It.* 11.45, Hammy Hamster. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Doris Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, Thames. 11.15-12.20 am, Film: Jannie Carson and Alan Dobie in Seven Keys.*

Tyne Tees
10.30 am, Starting Point. 10.35, Ed Allen. 10.55, Manfred. 11.05, A Big Country. 11.30, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, The Odd Couple. 1.00, Thames. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Indoor League. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five O. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, News. 11.30, Epilogue.

Scottish
11.30 am, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Houseparty. 1.00, News. 1.25, Road Report. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Laceybuttonpoppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Kenneth McKellar. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Griff. 9.30, Thames. 11.30, Late Call.

Grampian
11.30 am, Musicians of Tomorrow. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Survival. 1.00, News. 1.20, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Indoor League. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Wednesday File. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, ATV. 9.25, Police News. 9.30, Thames. 11.30, Prayers.

Yorkshire
10.35 am, Ed Allen. 10.55, Manfred. 11.05, A Big Country. 11.30, Woobinda. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Bygones. 1.00, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Indoor League. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25-11.40, Christian Symbols.

Thames
10.00 am, Wildlife Theatre. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.30, Riptide. 11.20, Galloping Gourmet. 11.45, Larry the Lamb. 12.00, Pipkins. 12.15 pm, Rupert Bear. 12.30, Indoor League. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, European Skating Gala. 3.55, Mr and Mrs. 4.25, Michael Bentine. 4.50, The Tomorrow People. 5.20, Anna and the King.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This Is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 My Old Man.
8.30 Marcus Welby, MD.
9.30 The Wackers.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Legacy of Faisal, documentary.
11.30 The Way we Live.
11.55 Words of Wisdom, with Sir Frederick Catherwood.

Ulster
11.15 am, The Enchanted House. 11.30, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Survival. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30-11.30, Thames.

ATV
11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.30, Thames. 11.20, Father Paschal.

Southern
11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Musicians of tomorrow. 12.00, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-o. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Southern News. 11.35, Orson Welles great mysteries. 12.00, Weather. Guideline.

Westward
10.35 am, Funky Phantom. 11.05, Yoga for Health. 11.30, Musicians of Tomorrow? 12.00, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Woody Woodpecker. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Westward News. 11.28, *Faith for Life.*

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13! 7.30, Ring-a-Song.† 8.02, Country Club.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Tom Edwards.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Tom Edwards.†
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Monteverdi, Vivaldi, Bizet.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice: part 2, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Taverner, Tye and Tallis.† 9.45, Bach Organ Music.† 10.25, Soprano, Flute and harp: Poulenc, Andre Caplet, Albert Roussel, Gareth Walters, Jan Koor.† 11.00, Haydn String Quartets. 11.35, Orchestral Concert: Daniel Jones, Ravel, Stravinsky.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Concert Hall: Alessandro Scarlatti, Caldara, Lotti, de Luca, Beethoven, Finzi, Liszt.† 2.00, Melody.† 3.05, Wind Music: Pijper, Rudolf Escher, Janacek.† 3.50, In Repertory: La Bohème.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Blackburn Cathedral. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Vient de Paraître. 7.00, Kontakte. 7.30, Kurt Weill, songs from the Berlin period sung by Lotte Lenya. 8.00, BBC Symphony Orchestra: part 1, Bartok, Bernard Rands, Boulez.† 9.00, The Wickedest Man in Britain: Aleister Crowley poems. 9.20, Concert: part 2, Bartok.† 10.10, The Record Industry: inquiry by Alan Blyth. 10.50, Song recital: Wolf and Brahms.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.37, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, An Aspidistra in Babylon. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Parents and Children. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Rome Wasn't Burned in a Day. 11.30, Play, Shylock's Beginning. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, A Small Success. 4.00, News. 4.05, A Way of Love: day in the life of Benedictine nuns. 4.35, Story Time: Sandi. The King Maker. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Petticoat Line. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Celebration: Benno Moiseiwitsch. 8.15, Play. The Watchers. 9.00, Read any Good Books? 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: An Unimpeachable Source. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, America, Where Are You Now? 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

ALTHAM.—On March 27th, 1975, to Patricia and James, of 8a Canterbury Close, Cambridge—a son.

de RIVAZ.—On 27 March, at St. Paul's, Cheltenham, to Kirstie (nee Scott) and Nigel—a son (Peter Francis Chevalier), and brother for Heidi.

FIRMIN.—On 31st March, 1975, at Hammersmith Hospital to Andrea (nee Maconochie) and Henry—a daughter (Jessica), sister for Harriet.

GALE.—On 28 March, at The Avenue Clinic, St Johns Wood, N.W.8, to Susan and Christopher—a daughter (Emily Louise).

GAMBLE.—On 31 March to Georgina (nee Mead) and Timothy, a son.

GORMAN.—On March 28th, to Zdenka and Jeremy—a son (Charles Jonathan Sylvester).

HUBRICH.—On April 1, 1975, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Heidi (nee Ludwig) and Michael Hubrich—a son (Hendrik Michael), brother for Felicia.

JENKINS.—On 27th March at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Angela (nee Snook) and Clive Jenkins — a daughter (Amanda Helen Tilsley) a sister for Adrian.

KAY-SMITH.—On 31st March, in Edinburgh, to Anne (nee Finlay) and Bill—a daughter (Lucilla-Anne), a sister for Nicolas and Antonia.

LEWIS.—On March 31, at the Barratt Maternity Home, Northampton, to Jennifer (nee Wheat) and George Brooke Lewis—a son (Charles Bruce).

MARCHANT.—On March 28 to Diana and Jim—a son (Thomas Edward), a brother for Joanna.

MORGAN.—On March 25th, 1975, to Margaret and Richard Morgan—a daughter (Rachel Kathryn).

PINNEY.—On March 31st, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Catherine and Philip Pinney—a daughter.

RENWICK.—On March 27th, at Alnwick, to Caroline and Richard—a third son.

RICKETTS.—On March 26th, to Elizabeth (nee Tookes) and Nicholas—a daughter (Jennifer Helen), a sister for Peter.

SPENCER.—On March 31st at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carolyn and Roy—a son.

TAYLOR.—On 30th March at Queen Charlotte's to Christine (nee Slick) and Peter—a son (Adam Kinnaird).

VINEY.—On March 29, 1975, to Carol (nee Pritchard) and Mark—a daughter (Victoria Sophie).

WEBB.—On March 7th, 1975, in Tonbridge Wells, to Patricia (nee Smith) and Martin—a daughter (Katharine Jane), sister for Eleanor Mary.

BIRTHDAY

007.—Assort of love, darling. Happy birthday and many more innings and Outings.—G.

MARRIAGE

COUGHLAN. — On 31st March at St. James's, Spanish Place — David and Elizabeth.

DEATHS

BAGOT.—On March 30th, 1975, Alice Lorina, widow of Charles Heneage Bagot, of Bitterley, Shropshire. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Stanton Lacey, on April 5th, at 11 a.m.

BARRETT.—On March 28th, at his home, Pakefield Hall, near Lowestoft, Howard Charles, aged 81 years. Cremation private on Tuesday, April 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research to Midland Bank, Beccles, Suffolk.

BOND.—On March 31st, 1975, peacefully, after a short illness, Lt.-Col. Ashley Raymond Bond, M.B.E., D.L., J.P., formerly of the Durham Light Infantry, of Creech Grange, Wareham, Dorset. Funeral at East Holme, Wareham, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5th. Family and close friends. Memorial Service at Lady St. Mary, Wareham, at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 18th. Family flowers only. No letters, please.

BOSLEY.—On March 28th, Vera Stafford, passed peacefully away at the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, beloved wife of Norman, of Barsden Lodge, Churchill, Oxon. Funeral Friday, 4th April, 1975, at 12.45, at All Saints Church, Churchill, followed by cremation at Oxford, 2 p.m.

BUSHELL.—On 30th March, 1975, suddenly, George Edward Bushell, F.I.C.E., of Crowmere House, Frodsham, aged 66 years. Loved husband of Chris and father of Tim and Caroline. No flowers at his request, but donations may be sent to Muscular Dystrophy Group, c/o National Westminster Bank, Frodsham, Warrington. All funeral enquiries to S. Rigby, Runcorn 72048.

CAIRNS.—On 31st March, 1975, suddenly at Roodlands Hospital, Haddington, William Cairns, beloved husband of Isobel, Bell House, Roxburghe Park, Dunbar, and father of John, James and Sandy. Service in Dunbar Parish Church on Thursday, 3rd April at 3 p.m. and thereafter to Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, at 4 p.m. to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only, please.

CARTER.—On March 31st, 1975, at his home 69 Viceroy Court, Southport, Major William Herbert Carter, M.A., I.C.S. (Retired), in his 86th year, beloved husband of Anita, and dear brother of Lily and Daisy. All enquiries to Broadbents of Southport Ltd. Tel. Southport 55352.

CLAYTON.—On Easter Eve, 29th March, 1975, Valentine Gardner Clayton, Lt.-Col Royal Marines, retired, of Chetnole, Sherborne, Dorset, beloved husband of Eve and father of Tessa. Funeral private.

COPPEN.—On Good Friday, March 28, suddenly, at his home, Arncott, Shaftesbury Avenue, Woking, Frank, aged 56, dear husband of Carol and father of Susan. Funeral service on Monday, 7th April at 3 p.m. at Woking Crematorium. Cortege to leave at 2.30 p.m. Flowers from immediate family only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

COSTER.—On 31st March, 1975, peacefully, in his sleep, Samuel Walter John, aged 79, of 27 Storrington Rise, Findon, Sussex. Son of Samuel Stephen and Jane Elvin, husband of the late Elizabeth Maude Durno, beloved father and grandfather. Funeral, City of London Cemetery, 3rd April, at 12.30 p.m.

CROCKATT.—On Thursday, 27 March, 1975, at Broomhill Court Nursing Home, Esher, Surrey, aged 80, Millicent Ann, wife of the late Arthur John Crockatt and mother of Caroline, Norman and Ann. Cremation private, on Friday, April 4th. Flowers to 76 Strawberry Vale, Twickenham, by 10 a.m.

CURTIS.—On Easter Day, March 30th, very peacefully, at home, Thomas Kingsley, aged 82, husband for 60 years of Gwladys (nee Jackson), father of Hilary; erstwhile senior partner of Messrs. Collyer-Bristow and Co. of Bedford Row. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Highgate Village, N.6, on Thursday, April 3rd, at 11.45, followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

D'ARCY.—On March 29th, suddenly at 55, North Close, R.A.F. Medmenham, Bucks., Air Commodore Michael D'Arcy, C.V.O., R.A.F. Greatly loved by his wife Clover and his children Simon and Sarah. Funeral private, family flowers only. If desired donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

DAVIES.—On March 31st at home, Carys, daughter of the late J. Davies Bryan of Alexandria. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

DAWSON.—On March 31st, very peacefully, Isobel Margaret, beloved wife of the late Alexander Thomson Dawson, of Portlet House, St. Brelade, Jersey. Funeral private. Enquiries to G. E. Croad Ltd., Funeral Directors, 89 Don Road, Jersey. Tel.: Central 37270.

DRUMMOND MORAY.—On 31st March, at Comrie, Perthshire, Bridget, wife of the late Major Andrew Stirling Home Drummond Moray. Funeral at 11 a.m. on Friday, 4th April, at St. Fillans Catholic Church, Crieff. R.I.P.

EVANS.—On March 29th, 1975, at Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, Guildford, Surrey, Hilda Mary, in her 95th year, daughter of the late Commander James Evans, RN. Cremation at The Aldershot Crematorium on Friday, 4th April at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to: H. C. Patrick & Co. Farnham, Surrey.

EWER.—On March 30th, 1975, Rosalie Frances (Grift), beloved wife of Denis William and mother of Bridget and Patrick. Funeral at West London Crematorium, Friday, April 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

FLOYD.—On April 1st, 1975, at home, Sir John Duckett Floyd, Bart. Beloved husband of Jocelin. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial Service at Winchester. Details to be announced later.

FRANKLIN.—On 31st March, peacefully, Fred Franklin, of Grove Cottage, Isfield Green, Sussex, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Nell.

GRIEVES.—On Good Friday, as a result of an accident, Jonathan James Mansfield, aged 12. Beloved only son of Jeanna and Rodney and brother of Karen. No flowers, please.

HADENFELT.—On March 31st, 1975, peacefully, in Limpsfield, Gertrude Ottilie Hadenfelt, aged 90 years. All funeral enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Oxted 3767.

HARBOTTLE.—On Palm Sunday, at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, peacefully, after an illness borne with great courage, Lucinda Katharine (Lucy) in her 12th year. Dearly loved and loving daughter of Wilkie and Kathleen Harbottle, of Lower Court, Ottinge, Canterbury, and sister of Angie, Tizzie and Katie. The private family funeral took place on March 27th, 1975, at St. Mary and St. Ethelburga's Church, Lyminge, Kent.

HARDINGE.—On April 1st, at The Downs, Seymer Road, Swanage, Frank Betham, dearly loved uncle of the Wollen family. Funeral service at Kelmton Mandeville Church, Dorset, on Monday, 7th April, 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the British Talking Book Service for the Blind, Mount Pleasant, Wembley, Middlesex.

HAYES.—On March 31, 1975, peacefully at St. Faiths Nursing Home, Cheltenham, Robin Arden, aged 88, Emeritus Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and beloved uncle to John, Richard and their families. Cremation at Prestbury, Cheltenham, on Friday, April 4, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please.

HEALY.—On 29th March, 1975, at Burton General Hospital, Robert Glaister (Tim) Healy, aged 56 years; Flt. Lt. 161301 RAF (retired), of 54 Elmscote Caravan Park, Coton-in-the-Elms, Burton-on-Trent. Funeral on Friday, 4th April, 1975. Cortege to leave 9 Weston Street, Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent, for Requiem Mass in St Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Swadlincote, at 10.15 am, prior to cremation at Bretby Crematorium. To be received into church on Thursday, 3rd April, 1975, at 7.30 pm. Requiescat in pace. By request no flowers, please, but, if desired, donations in lieu to The Treasurer, Cancer Research Fund, c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd, 16 High Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

HEANEY-GLENN.—On 30th March, in hospital, George Daniel, of 3 Flag Lane, South Upton by Chester. Aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Anne Mary Heaney-Glenn. Funeral Service, Thursday, 3rd April, at the Mormon Church, Blacon, at 3 p.m. No flowers, by request, but donations to the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.

HERSCHORN.—On 31st March, 1975, suddenly at home, Doris, mother of Beatrice, Cynthia and Hugh. Funeral private.

HOLLOM.—On March 27th, after long illness, Richard Samuel (Tod), of White Lodge, Knaphill, aged 66. Funeral at Woking Crematorium on Wednesday, 2nd April, at 4 p.m. No flowers, please.

HORNSBY.—On March 28th, after a short illness, Jack Myddleton Hornsby, of 12 Deepdale, Wimbledon, beloved husband of Bevo and father of Michael, Peter, Julie and Christopher. Funeral service for family and close friends at St Mary's Parish Church, Wimbledon, on Friday, April 4th, at 10.45 am, followed by interment at the Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Dallom & Sons Ltd, 39a High Street, Wimbledon, SW19. Tel.: 01-946 1253.

HOUGHTON.—On 29th March, 1975, peacefully, at Lewes Victoria Hospital, Stella, widow of John Henry Houghton, youngest daughter of the late Sir James Yoxall, in her 82nd year. Service at St. John's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on Monday, 7th April, at 11.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, to William Weller Ltd., 48a Malling Street, Lewes, Sussex.

LANE.—On 1st April, 1975, Philip Reynolds Lane, of 6 Priory Road, Dawlish, died peacefully at Dawlish Cottage Hospital. Much loved brother, uncle and great uncle. Family flowers only, any donations to United Nations Children's Fund, 14 Stafford Place, London W1N 9AF. Funeral service for family and close friends at Exeter and Devon Crematorium Chapel, 1.30 p.m. Friday, 4th April. Memorial service at United Reformed Church, Dawlish, on Tuesday, 8th April, at 12 noon.

LAYTON.—On March 27, following a motor accident, Heather Catherine, deeply loved youngest daughter of Derrick and Cathma (recently moved to 33 Cranborne Avenue, Eastbourne), sister of Elizabeth and Catrina, and fiancée of Stephen Wanstaffe. Funeral service at Christchurch United Reformed Church, Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey, on Friday, April 4, at 11.15, followed by cremation at the North East Surrey Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to The Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents.

LE POER TRENCH.—On March 27th, Mildred, beloved wife of the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, and much loved Aunt of Joan Sharpe and Nigel Hamilton. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Monday, April 7th at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine Ltd., Bryson House, Horace Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

LIGHTFOOT.—On April 1st 1975, peacefully, in hospital, Frances Mary Lightfoot, of 3 Hawley Grange, Hawley, Camberley, Surrey, daughter of the late John Prideaux Lightfoot and the late Mrs Lightfoot. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hawley, Tuesday, 8th April, 1975 at 1.10 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to . . . Finch and Sons Ltd., 125 High Street, Aldershot, by 12 noon.

LISTER.—On March 28th, suddenly, at his home, Hamilton House, Water Lanes, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, in his 32nd year, Robert Browning Lister, father of Georgina and Patrick. Funeral private. No flowers.

McCORKELL.—On 31st March, 1975, Andrew Edwards, at 20 St. John's Hill, Shrewsbury. Funeral, Friday, 4th April, 1.15 p.m. at Oxon Church, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

McDOUGALL.—On 31st March, 1975, peacefully, at 36 Bolton Gardens, London, S.W.5, Helena Victoria Augusta (Lenchen), in her 89th year, daughter of the late Colonel Eardley Maitland, C.B., much-loved mother of Helen and Victor, and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. "Her courage and great enjoyment of life will always be remembered." Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Saturday, 5 April, at 11 a.m. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to the British Red Cross Society, County of London Branch, 34 Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.

McKENZIE WOOD.—On 30th March, 1975, Muriel, wife of the late Major Sir Murdoch McKenzie Wood, and sister of Mrs. Hamilton-Lang.

MONTGOMERY.—On March 29th, 1975, James Robert Cunninghame, Commander Royal Navy (retired), much loved husband of Violet and very dear father of Hengist. Funeral, 2nd April in Islay.

OULPE.—On March 27th, aged 81 years, Jessie, of 35 Woodland Rise, Muswell Hill, London, N.10, wife of Paul, and beloved mother of Margaret, Jean and Muriel. No letters, no flowers, please. Funeral service on Friday, April 4th at Great Northern Crematorium, London, N.11, at 11.30 a.m.

PAGE.—On 23rd March, 1975, at 105 Argyle Road, Ealing, London W13, Anne Wilson Hastings, H.M. Factories, widow of Leonard John Page. The funeral has already taken place.

PARES.—On Monday, March 31st, 1975, in Edinburgh, after a short illness, Janet Lindsay Powicke, of Esdaile and Edinburgh, wife of the late Richard Pares. Funeral on Friday, April 4th, at 2.15 p.m., at Marthall Crematorium, Edinburgh.

PARTRIDGE.—On March 30, 1975, at The Mill, Tarrant, Keynstone, Blandford, Major Richard Eveleigh Partridge, late Dorset Regiment. Funeral at Tarrant Crawford, April 3, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Chorrott, Blandford.

PEACOCK.—On March 26th, 1975, peacefully at her home in Coulsdon, in her 100th year, Charlotte Amadea Theonilla, beloved wife of the late Edwin James Peacock and mother of Bettina, Nancy and Joan. No flowers, by request. Donations if desired to Aged Pilgrims Friend Society, 175 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 4TR.

PEMBERTON.—On March 31st suddenly at Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, Surrey, Stanley Mansfield, aged 82 of Byring Washington, Sussex. Husband to Maude. No letters or flowers please. Memorial service later.

PILCHER.—On 1 April, peacefully at home in Fareham in her 95th year, Irene Mary (nee Churcher) widow of the late Charlie E. Pilcher, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

REEVES.—On 31 March, at the Chard and District Hospital, Edith Campbell Reeves, aged 82 years (late of St. Mary's Close, Chard, Somerset). Funeral service takes place on Friday, 4 April, 12 noon, at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Chard, followed by cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium.

REYNOLDS.—On March 26th, suddenly, but peacefully at her home in Bognor Regis, Edith Gertrude, aged 85 years. Sister of the late Alfred Reynolds (composer and conductor), a very special person much loved by all who knew her. Funeral service at St. Marylebone cemetery Chapel, Finchley, at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 9th. Inquiries to Reynolds & Co., Funeral Directors, Bognor Regis. Tel: 4745.

RUSHWORTH.—On 23rd March, 1975, Edward, husband of Joyce Robinson and father of Helen Wallace and Diana. Burial at Wyke. Service of Thanksgiving for Rush will be held at Kirby Muxloe Free Church at 12 noon on Friday, 25th April.

RUSSELL-SMITH.—On March 29, 1975, in Guernsey, Phyllis Molyneux (nee Hutchinson), dearly loved mother of Vernon and Jean. Private funeral. Donations to N.S.P.C.C.

SARSFIELD-HALL. — On Easter Sunday, 30th March, peacefully at home, Edwin Geoffrey Sarsfield-Hall, C.M.G., Commander of the Order of the Nile, barrister, M.A., LL.B., B.L., F.R.G.S., D.L., J.P., in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Robin and father of Carol and Pat (killed in action in the Irish Guards, 1944). Funeral and service of thanksgiving on Friday, 4th April, at 3 p.m. in Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, Cumbria.

SHERWOOD.—On 30 March, Elizabeth, passed away in her sleep.

SHICKLE.—On March 30th, 1975, Jack Shickle Funeral service, The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Gatwick, on Friday, April 4th, at 10.45 a.m. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill.

SOTHERS.—On 29th March, 1975, peacefully, Norah Victoria (Roque), aged 80 years, widow of the late Edward D. Sothers. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, at 3 p.m., on Friday, 4th April. Flowers may be sent to: R. C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

SWEET.—On 30th March, 1975, in hospital, in Bristol, after a long illness, Audrey Margaret (nee Hannam), wife of George and mother of Stephanie.

WANSBROUGH.—On March 30, 1975, Easter Sunday, Gilbert Dyke (Jack), solicitor, of Bristol, peacefully in his 85th year. Cremation private. Memorial service on Wednesday, April 9, 1975, St. Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 2.30 p.m. No letters, no flowers: donations may be made, if desired, to the Solicitors' Benevolent Association, 58 Clifford's Inn, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4.

WHITE.—On March 31st, peacefully, Lilian Ethel, aged 80 years, beloved wife of George Holmes White and adored mother of Donald and Joy. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, 3.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9th April. Flowers to Clement & Sons, Pinner.

WINTERS.—On 29th March, 1975, peacefully, at his home in Boughton Aluph, David George Slee Winters, M.B.E., aged 76 years. Only son of the late David Paine Winters, of Folkestone, dear husband of the late Betsy Winters and loved brother of Barbara Day. Service at All Saints, Boughton Aluph, 3.45 p.m., Friday, 4th April, followed by cremation at Charing, 3.30 p.m. Cut flowers only, to F. G. Wood, 21 Tufton St., Ashford, Kent, to his home or to the church.

YOUNG. — On 31st March 1975, peacefully at her home, 3/5 Fettes Rise, East Fettes Avenue Edinburgh, in her 82nd year, Alison Isobel Young (nee Richmond). Service in Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 3rd April at 2.15 p.m. to which all friends are invited. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home, Edinburgh.

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AUBERT, a Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Dr Edward Falla Aubert late of the Dorothy Kerin Trust, Burrswood, will be held at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London, W.1 on Tuesday, 15th April, at 12 noon.

KERRIGAN.—A memorial service will be held for Bernard Kerrigan at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, W.1, on Friday, 4th April, at 12.30 p.m.

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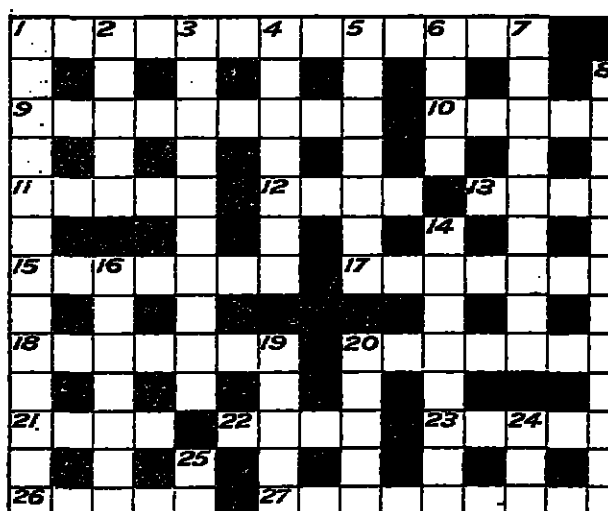
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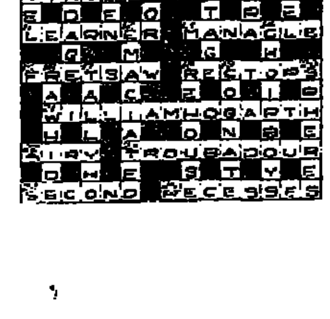
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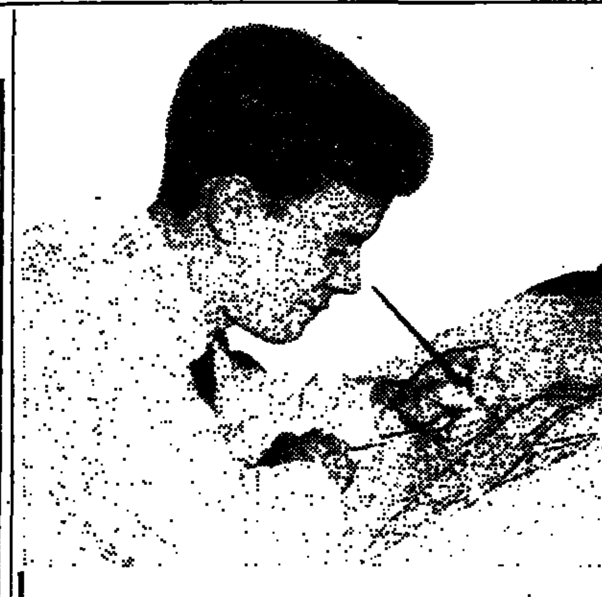


ACROSS
1 Dumb actor, meant to be overlooked (13).
9 Sundry factors combine in these stores (9).
10 Bird's ruined by loans (5).
11 Furnish quarters right (5).
12 Craft of the old wool-gatherer (4).
13 The best hotel includes a barmaid (4).
15 In Xanadu "were gardens bright with —— rills" (7).
17 Certain brands are put up in these (7).
18 Let nine go loose, being merciful (7).
20 As Jorkins was to Spenlow (7).
21 Harry, who backed the State of France (4).
22 The manner, say, of the Dauphin, for instance (4).
23 Fabulous fellow for work on a rough sea (5).
26 The best engineer's fallen in the river (5).
27 Youngster has a counterpart just as naive (9).
28 Do certain rugby players qualify for these panto parts? (13).

DOWN
1 When, north of the line, noon was never higher (6, 8).
2 Whimpered like Jaques' baby, says Spooner? (5).
3 Obtain capital to salvage sunken treasure (5, 5).
4 All in, avoid returning to the ravines (7).
5 Flag officers? (7).
6 Destination of golden lads and girls (4).
7 Priest takes old king back to north Somerset town (9).
8 Subordinates who have to stand in the Tube? (14).
14 East ran and barged violently into a tumultuous scene (4-6).
16 The Pole's degree (9).
19 Three Wonderland girls were well sustained by it (7).
20 Almost sheer place in France or surrounding area (7).
24 Chucked one into the outhouse (5).
25 Wine, woman and song? He wanted a loaf of bread too (4)

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